

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



February 8, 2001

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS  
TECHNICAL REVIEW TEAM (TRT) MEMBERS

FROM: ROSEMARY AKHIDENOR  
Analyst  
Policy Implementation Unit  
Food Stamp Branch

SUBJECT: REVISED ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) 11-01 – PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2001: EXCESS  
SHELTER DEDUCTION INCREASE

Attached is a copy of the final version of All County Letter (ACL) 11-01, which has been signed by Deputy Director, Bruce Wagstaff. We handed out an earlier version of ACL 11-01 signed by Deputy Director, Sylvia Pizzini "for" Bruce Wagstaff, at the TRT meeting on February 1, 2001.

Due to the comments we received at TRT on February 1, 2001, we have made a few modifications to the language in the second paragraph of the letter clarifying the effective date of the new excess shelter deduction. Also, due to TRT comments, we have developed a TEMP form for use in informing those applicants and recipients impacted by this change in the shelter deduction. Counties should discard the informing notices FS 11 and FS 11A attached to the original ACL 11-01, and use the new attached TEMP 2192 form.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. If you have any questions regarding the ACL or the forms, please contact me at (916) 654-2116.

Attachments

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REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change  
 Federal Law or Regulation Change  
 Court Order or Settlement Agreement  
 Clarification Requested by One or More Counties  
 Initiated by CDSS

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 11-01

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
 ALL FOOD STAMP PROGRAM  
 COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR  
 (FFY) 2001: CHANGE TO THE EXCESS SHELTER DEDUCTION

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) 00-63 (dated: September 11, 2000)

The purpose of this letter is to transmit implementing instructions to county welfare departments (CWDs), regarding the new maximum excess shelter deduction. On October 28, 2000, the President signed into law the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2001 Agriculture Appropriations Bill (Public Law 106-387), which, among other provisions, raises the maximum excess shelter deduction from \$300 to \$340.

This provision goes into effect on March 1, 2001, but does not apply to food stamp households with certification or recertification periods beginning before the effective date. CWDs must implement the \$340 maximum when the certification or recertification period begins March 1, 2001, or later.

Please note that this letter addresses the change in the excess shelter deduction only. It does not make any changes to any existing food stamp allotments or other deductions outlined in ACL 00-63.

Quality Control/Error Rate Implication

CalWORKs and Food Stamp Data Systems Design Taskforce will be releasing quality control review procedures shortly. Please contact Michael Bowman-Jones at (213) 833-2260, if you have any questions.

Stuffer Notice

Enclosed is a copy of TEMP 2192 (ENG/SP), a temporary informing notice. CWDs are encouraged to mail copies of this notice to all households along with their next food stamp benefit disbursement and/or post this information in certification offices, issuance locations, or other sites frequented by food stamp clients. This notice informs clients about changes in the maximum shelter deduction. This notice replaces the revised Page Two

Food Stamp 11 (1/01) and Food Stamp 11A (1/01), which were inadvertently released to the counties last month.

### Translations and Camera-Ready Copies

For camera-ready copies of English and Spanish forms, please call Forms Management Unit (FMU) at (916) 657-1907 or CALNET at 437-1907. If your office has Internet access, you may obtain these forms from the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) web page at: <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov>. To accommodate agencies without Internet access, copies will be available by contacting FMU.

Your Forms Coordinator now receives all translations as soon as they become available, if your county is on the Language Translation Services (LTS) mailing list. All translated messages in Russian and Chinese versions of forms will follow shortly. Please call LTS at (916) 654-1282 if your county does not receive the Russian and Chinese translations.

### Contacts

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Rosemary Akhidenor, Analyst, Food Stamp Bureau, Policy Implementation Unit, at (916) 654-2116.

Sincerely,

BRUCE WAGSTAFF  
Deputy Director  
Welfare to Work Division

Enclosures

c: CWDA  
CSAC

PROGRAM  
OCTOBER 1, 2000 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2001  
California Net Monthly Income Eligibility Standards  
Allotments and Deductions

Net Monthly Income Eligibility Standards (100% of Poverty Level)

Household Size	Net Income
1	\$ 696
2	938
3	1,180
4	1,421
5	1,663
6	1,905
7	2,146
8	2,388
Each Add. Member	+242

Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards (130% of Poverty Level)

Household Size	Gross Income
1	\$ 905
2	1,219
3	1,533
4	1,848
5	2,162
6	2,476
7	2,790
8	3,104
Each Add. Member	+315

Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards For Households Where Elderly Disabled Are A Separate Household (165% of Poverty Level)

Household Size	Net Income
1	\$1,149
2	1,547
3	1,946
4	2,345
5	2,744
6	3,142
7	3,541
8	3,940
Each Add. Member	+399

Maximum Allotments

Household Size	Allotment
1	\$ 130
2	238
3	341
4	434
5	515
6	618
7	683
8	781
Each Add. Member	+98

DEDUCTIONS

Standard Deduction                   \$134

Homeless Household  
                                  \$143

Standard Utility Allowance   \$170

**Shelter Deduction   \* \$300**

\*Starting March 1, 2001, the Allowance \$300 will be raised to \$340, for households with certification or recertification periods beginning March 1, 2001, or later.

## **NOTICE TO ALL FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ**

As a result of a change in federal law, the excess shelter deduction will be raised from \$300.00 to \$340.00 effective March 1, 2001. This change applies only to households with certification or recertification periods beginning March 1, 2001 or later.

## **AVISO A TODAS LAS PERSONAS QUE RECIBEN ESTAMPILLAS PARA COMIDA IMPORTANTE — FAVOR DE LEER**

Debido a un cambio reciente en la ley federal, a partir del 1° de marzo de 2001, la deducción por gastos excesivos de vivienda se aumentará de \$300.00 a \$340.00. Este cambio aplica solamente a los grupos para fines de estampillas para comida con períodos de certificación o recertificación que empiezan el 1° de marzo de 2001 o después.