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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 83-36

TO: ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP REGULATIONS ON STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE (SUA) PRORATION

REFERENCE: SECTIONS 63-300, 63-502, 63-503, 63-504

This letter provides information regarding the regulation change which requires the proration of the Standard Utility Allowance. As a result of Food and Nutrition Service suspending a portion of administrative funds and the potential of a disallowance of funds, it has become necessary that these regulations be implemented immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State. The regulations were sent to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on April 26, 1983 for their 10-day review. If, at the end of that ten day period, OAL agrees that they are emergency regulations they will be filed with the Secretary of State immediately and will become effective on that date. It is anticipated that the regulations will be filed and effective May 5, 1983, at which time the eligibility and benefit levels of all new applications shall be determined according to these regulations. Currently, certified households are required to be converted to these revised regulations at the time of recertification. Counties will be notified when these regulations are filed. Attached is a copy of the regulations that were sent to OAL on April 26, 1983.

The revised Standard Utility Allowance regulations contain three changes. The regulations require proration of the Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) equally among the individuals who contribute to the utility expenses of the residence, whether or not they participate in the Food Stamp Program. (See attachment for the definition of "individuals who contribute".) These regulations, for certain situations, do not allow the SUA for food stamp households living in public housing with central utility meters. Finally, these regulations allow the recipient to switch to the SUA when requested.

If you have any further questions regarding this letter, please contact your Food Stamp Program Operations Consultant at (916) 322-5475.


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Attachments

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