

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 86-07

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE
DIRECTORS ALL COUNTY
AUDITORS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICERS

SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WARRANTS

Assembly Bill 142 (Chapter 826, Statutes of 1985), amended Government Code Section 29853.5 effective January 1, 1986. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of new and revised procedures for the replacement of public assistance warrants which have been lost, stolen, or destroyed.

Previous state law and regulations provided that a warrant issued for public social services payments is considered lost if it has been mailed and has not been received by the addressee within seven (7) days after the date of mailing or within a shorter period of time as determined by the county board of supervisors or the county welfare department. Assembly Bill 142 amended the government code to provide that in cases where the warrant has been lost in the mail, the recipient is now only required to wait five (5) working days, or a lesser period if permitted by the county, from the date the warrant was mailed. After the waiting period, the warrant is deemed lost and the recipient is then entitled to sign and file an affidavit with the county. Assembly Bill 142 also provides that if the warrant was stolen, destroyed or lost other than in the mail, an affidavit may be filed immediately. When the affidavit has been signed by the recipient of the warrant, the county shall issue a replacement warrant no later than five (5) working days from the date that the affidavit has been signed and filed with the county.

Assembly Bill 142 also specifies the procedure by which counties replace warrants when a recipient has moved from the county that issued the original warrant to another county. If the warrant has been lost, destroyed, stolen or lost in the mail, the recipient could file the affidavit in the county to which he or she has moved and that county shall, within one (1) working day, mail the affidavit to the county which issued the original warrant (first county). The first county would then issue a replacement warrant no later than five (5) working days after the receipt of the affidavit. Assembly Bill 142 further requires the State Department of Social Services (SDSS) to develop a statewide intercounty

lost warrant replacement affidavit. Until SDSS develops and releases the affidavit for use, counties are strongly encouraged to honor other counties' affidavits for these intercounty situations.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Stephanie Davis at (916) 323-0267 or ATSS 473-0267.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert T. Sertich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ROBERT T. SERTICH
Deputy Director
Administration

cc: CWDA