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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO ALL-COUNTY LETTER 91-09

REFERENCE: ACL 91-09 dated February 4, 1991

The purpose of this errata is to make one correction to the second and fourth paragraphs of the first page of the All-County Letter.

In these paragraphs, reference is made to the last month of State-only AFDC. This month is given as the "sixth" month of pregnancy. The reference should be to the "fifth" month of pregnancy.

MPP 44-209.234 provides that Federal Financial Participation can be claimed for the month of anticipated birth and the three months immediately prior to this month. If the month of anticipated birth is considered to be the ninth month, FFP could also be available for months six, seven and eight of the pregnancy.

If you have any questions regarding this errata, please contact Jim Lucas of the Welfare Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 324-2725 or ATSS 454-2725.

cc: CWDA

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February 4, 1991

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 91-09

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SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR A PREGNANT WOMAN ASSISTANCE UNIT OF ONE TRANSFERRING FROM STATE-ONLY TO FEDERAL AFDC

REFERENCE: MPP 44-205.6

This is to inform you of new policy and procedures for transferring a pregnant woman with no other children (a Pregnant Woman Only, or PWO case) from State-only to Federal AFDC and adding the newborn to a PWO case.

Our current policy of not requiring a new application when converting a PWO case from State-only to Federal AFDC at the beginning of the third trimester of pregnancy has been identified by the Family Support Administration (FSA) as a major source of future Federal Quality Control error citations. To remedy this problem, we have received Federal approval to use the Monthly Report form (CA 7) submitted by the recipient in her sixth month of pregnancy (i.e., the last month of State-only AFDC) as the application for Federal AFDC. No change to the form or the way it is processed is required.

Accordingly, the following policy is to be implemented as soon as administratively possible.

Pregnant Woman Only Transfer to Federal AFDC

For a PWO case converting from State-only AFDC to Federal AFDC beginning in the third trimester, the CA 7 taken in the sixth month of pregnancy (i.e., the last month of State-only AFDC) shall be considered the application for Federal AFDC.

When deprivation is unemployment, a redetermination of the Principal Earner's Federal connection to the labor force must be made prior to transferring the PWO case to Federal AFDC-U. In determining the labor force connection, the principal earner must meet qualifying work requirements in six calendar quarters within any 13-calendar-quarter period that ends within one year before the quarter in which the State-only AFDC-U case is transferred to Federal AFDC-U (see MPP Sections 41-440(1)(d) and 41-440.411).

Unborn to Born


In accordance with current requirements, upon notification of the birth of the child, the EW must establish eligibility for the newborn and any unaided father, if applicable, prior to adding the newborn (and father) to the AU.

To accomplish this, the EW must:

1. Require the recipient to complete either the Statement of Facts to Add a Child Under 16 Years (CA 8A) to add the newborn or the Statement of Facts for Additional Persons (CA 8) to add the newborn and the newborn's father. The Statement of Facts (JA 2) may be used at the county's discretion. The CA 8A, CA 8, or JA 2 should be completed by the recipient no later than the end of the month following the mother's release from the hospital. If the CA 8A or CA 8 are used, an IRCA Statement (CA 64) must also be on file.
2. Document the determination of eligibility in the case record (this is a new Federal requirement).

The beginning date of aid for the newborn and the newborn's father (if also added at this time) is the later of the date of the newborn's birth or the date of eligibility.

Regulations will be promulgated in the near future. In the meantime, this ACL will remain in effect. If you have any questions, please call Jim Lucas of the Welfare Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 324-2725.



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