

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 92-98

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFDC/RCA PROGRAM CHANGES REQUIRED BY THE RECENTLY ENACTED STATE BUDGET

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) I-54-92
ACIN I-49-92

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the AFDC Program changes contained in ACIN I-54-92, which was recently released with information and materials, are to be implemented effective December 1, 1992.

As you know, the Government Accountability and Taxpayers Protection Act (GATPA) was not approved on November 3, 1992. However, Federal waivers have been approved to implement the following provisions:

MAXIMUM AID PAYMENT (MAP) REDUCTION

This provision requires an additional 1.3 percent reduction of the July 1992 MAP levels. This reduction, along with the 4.5 percent reduction effective October 1, 1992, produces a 5.8 percent reduction to the MAP levels in effect on July 1, 1992.

RELOCATION FAMILY GRANT (RFG)

This provision restricts the grant amount to either the California computed grant or the MAP amount from the prior state of residence (plus California special needs, if applicable), whichever is less. This rule provides that when an Assistance Unit (AU) does not contain any member who has lived in California for at least 12 months, the AU's grant will be determined using the RFG rule. The RFG rule will continue to apply until a member of the AU has resided in California for 12 consecutive months.

ELIMINATION OF THE 100-HOUR RULE

This provision requires the elimination of the 100-hour work limit for AFDC-U recipient cases. This means that AFDC-U principal earner recipients may work over 100 hours in a month and still remain eligible to AFDC-U. However, the 100-hour limit will continue to apply to AFDC-U applicant cases as a means of establishing unemployed parent deprivation.

TRAINING

We have reassessed the need for training and have determined that training will not be provided to Counties at this time. However, we understand that there will be many eligibility questions surrounding the implementation of the Budget changes. For this reason, we included a Question and Answer package to address many of your concerns.

ATTACHMENTS

Draft regulations to help implement the Budget changes are attached (Attachment I). These regulations are being processed on an emergency basis with a requested effective date of December 1, 1992.

The Question and Answer package (Attachment II) is provided for your information.

CONTACTS

If you have any questions or need further information regarding the changes, you may contact the following staff of the AFDC Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 654-2137 or CALNET 464-2137:

MAP Reduction/Relocation Family Grant - Jane Laciste
100 Hour Rule/Relocation MAP Chart - Yvonne Lee
Notices of Action - John Honeycutt
Forms/Notices - Elizabeth Allred

Sincerely,



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Attachments