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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 96-35

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: ENHANCED INTENTIONAL PROGRAM VIOLATION (IPV) SANCTIONS IN THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

This All-County Letter is to notify counties of regulation changes in the Food Stamp Program based upon Public Law 103-66, Section 13942 of the Mickey Leland Childhood Hunger Relief Act.

These changes provide increased penalties for trading and/or selling Food Stamps for controlled substances, firearms, ~~ammunitions~~ and/or explosives. These changes are effective January 12, 1996.

Currently, people who are found to have committed an Intentional Program Violation are disqualified for Food Stamp benefits for six months for the first offense, twelve months for the second offense, and permanently for the third offense. The attached regulation change provides a twelve month sanction period for the first offense of trading Food Stamps for a controlled substance and permanent disqualifications for the second offense of trading Food Stamps for a controlled substance. Permanent disqualifications are also provided for the first offense of trading Food Stamps for firearms, ~~ammunition~~ and/or explosives.

These penalties can only be imposed for individuals found guilty in federal, State or local court. These penalties cannot be imposed based upon an administrative hearing.

These additional penalty periods have been incorporated into the Notice of Administrative Disqualification, form #DFA 377.7A, which accompanied All County Letter 95-81.

If you have any questions regarding this increase in penalties in the Food Stamp Program, please contact Mr. Dave Hessler of the Fraud Bureau at (916) 445-0946.

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Attachment