

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



September 20, 1996

ALL COUNTY LETTER 96-54

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: UPDATE TO FOOD STAMP PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK OPPORTUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1996 (PRWORA) REGARDING ALIEN ELIGIBILITY

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) 96-51

The purpose of this letter is to update ACL 96-51 dated September 18, 1996. Advance copies of this ACL were issued to all County Welfare Directors and Food Stamp Coordinators on September 18, 1996. By letter dated September 19, 1996, the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service (FCS) revised its instructions regarding the alien eligibility requirements for currently certified households. The new instructions differ significantly from the earlier instructions and now provide that California does not need to apply the alien eligibility requirements to currently certified households until further instructions are issued by FCS.

However, new applications dated September 22, 1996 and later are still subject to the new provisions contained in the ACL. Therefore, County Welfare Departments (CWDs) are to proceed as instructed in ACL 96-51 (attachment I, page 2) for new applications. CWDs should use the attached stuffer notice (TEMP FS16 Rev.1) for notification to current recipients and discard the TEMP FS16 which was transmitted with ACL 96-51. Households that are currently receiving food stamps are not subject to the new provisions regarding alien eligibility until further instructions are received from FCS and issued by CDSS. Pending further instructions on this caseload, CWDs are advised to flag current cases which are recertified after September 22, 1996.

In addition, new instructions have been received from FCS concerning the deeming of sponsor's income and resources for the purposes of determining eligibility. Until such time that further instructions are received from FCS, the current deeming regulations (M.S. 63-503.49) are to be applied rather than the instructions in ACL 96-51 (attachment I, page 5).

If you have any questions or require further assistance, contact the Food Stamp Policy Implementation Unit at (916) 654-1896.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Wagstaff", is written over a rectangular stamp area.

BRUCE WAGSTAFF  
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Attachment