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ERRATA

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
                 ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (APS)
                 PROGRAM MANAGERS

SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 99-53

REFERENCE: All County Letter No. 99-53 Section XIV, Emergency Shelter Care

This errata to All County Letter No. 99-53, provides a change to Section XIV following a revised interpretation of Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 15763 (a) (2), (d) by the Adult Protective Services (APS) Program and Legal staff at the California Department of Social Services. All County Letter No. 99-53 mandated county APS agencies to provide emergency shelter and in-home protection to the general APS population and required, to the extent funds are available, for those services to be provided to frail and disabled elders and dependent adults in need of assistance with activities of daily living. Following careful review of the WIC Sections relating to this issue, the following determination has been made regarding emergency shelter care and in-home protection services in the Statewide APS Program and alters ACL 99-53:

XIV.   EMERGENCY SHELTER AND IN-HOME PROTECTION

a) To the extent that resources are available, emergency shelter or in-home protection shall be provided for elders and dependent adults until the dangers at home can be resolved. {Welfare and Institutions Code section 15763 (a) (2)}. Emergency shelter or in-home protection shall be provided in response to new reports involving immediate life threats, imminent danger (present risk of death or serious physical injury) and in crises in existing cases.

b) Each county APS agency shall provide emergency shelter in the form of a safe haven or in-home protection to frail and disabled victims who require assistance with activities of daily living {WIC Section 15763 (d)}.

Please contact your assigned analyst in the Adult Protective Services Bureau, as identified in All-ACIN No. 1-35-01, if you have any questions regarding this information.