

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-97-81

TO: Public and Private Adoption Agencies
DSS Adoptions District Offices

SUBJECT: Identification of Indian Children Subject to Provisions of the
Indian Child Welfare Act - Unborn Child

REFERENCE:

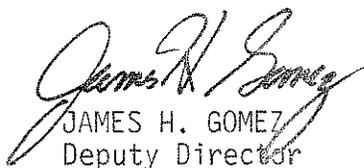
During our recent workshops on the State adoption regulations for the implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act, we advised participants that the Bureau of Indian Affairs would determine whether an unborn child would come within the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

We have just received information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs that they have a new policy whereby they will not determine whether an unborn child is subject to the Act.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs must have a birth certificate submitted along with the AD 4311, Information on American-Indian Child. If the alleged natural father is the identified Indian parent, then a paternity statement must be submitted with the birth certificate and AD 4311.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Elsie Shilin at (916) 323-0469.

Sincerely,


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Deputy Director

cc: CWDA