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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-91-09

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS  
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS  
ALL COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS  
ALL CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS  
ALL QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: CalWORKs AND FOOD STAMP: SOCIAL SECURITY (SSA)  
COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA)

REFERENCE: ACIN 1-80-06, ACIN I-72-07, ACIN I-95-08

The Social Security Administration has announced that recipients will not be receiving a cost-of-living increase in their Social Security benefits. With consumer prices down over the past year, monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits for more than 57 million Americans will not automatically increase in 2010. This will be the first year without an automatic COLA since they went into effect in 1975.

ACCESSING INFORMATION ON SSA COLAS

Annual updates on SSA COLAs may be obtained through the following web link:

<http://www.ssa.gov/oact/cola>.

CONTACTS

If you have any food stamp questions regarding this ACIN, please contact Alicia Thomason at (916) 657-2630, or by e-mail at [Alicia.thomason@dss.ca.gov](mailto:Alicia.thomason@dss.ca.gov), or you may contact your CalWORKs county consultant directly or call (916) 654-1332.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

CHRISTINE WEBB-CURTIS, Chief  
Food Stamp Branch  
Welfare to Work Division

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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