

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



July 14, 1980

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-74-80

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SOCIAL SECURITY COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE

REFERENCE:

The Social Security Administration has announced a cost-of-living increase of 14.3 percent for all Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) beneficiaries. For those AFDC, Food Stamp, and Aid to Potentially Self-Supporting Blind (APSB) recipients who receive RSDI, this increase will be considered as net nonexempt income and will require recalculation of the grant. In the case of In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) recipients eligible under 30-455.12, .13, or .14, who receive RSDI benefits, their share of cost must be recalculated.

An increase in Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) benefits will be effective July 1980, and will also be considered net nonexempt income. However, unlike RSDI benefits, RRB benefits are not increased by a single percentage amount. According to the RRB, the actual amount of the increase can only be determined on a case-by-case basis.

The RSDI and RRB cost-of-living increases will begin with the July 1980 checks and should be reflected on the Form CA-7, Monthly Eligibility Report, submitted by AFDC recipients in August 1980. In AFDC, these increases should be used concurrently in determining financial eligibility for the month of receipt. These increases should also be used to compute grant amounts using concurrent budgeting for the first two months of aid and using retrospective budgeting the third and subsequent months. The amount of income reflected on the CA-7 report should also be used in determining the coupon allotment for Public Assistance Food Stamp households. For all other Food Stamp households, the amount of RSDI and RRB increases reflected on Form DFA 377.5 should be used to determine the coupon allotment. The accuracy of reported increased RSDI benefit amounts may be verified by multiplying the old benefit by 1.143.

Notification via the appropriate Form 239, Notice of Intended Action and Right to Request a Fair Hearing, is required for recipients of AFDC, APSB, and IHSS, whose grants are adjusted due to RSDI or RRB benefit increases. In the Food Stamp Program, the county is responsible for making necessary changes to Food Stamp budgets and for sending the appropriate notice of action in those cases where the coupon allotment is adjusted.

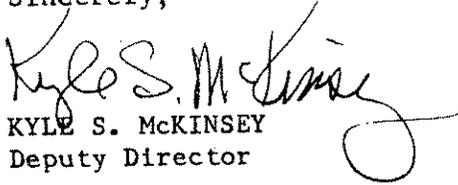
Separate information will be provided concerning the cost-of-living increases applicable to the AFDC, SSI/SSP, IHSS and APSB programs.

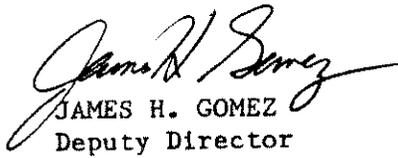
Questions about the effect of RSDI or RRB increases on program eligibility or benefits should be directed to your appropriate program management consultant.

AFDC (916) 445-4458
Adults (916) 445-0813

Food Stamps (916) 322-5475
IHSS (916) 322-8724

Sincerely,


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