STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

November 19, 1981

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-145-81

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP BENEFIT CHANGE NOTICE

REFERENCE: AFDC's CHANGES TO THE CASH GRANT NOTICE OF ACTION SYSTEM RESULTING FROM RECENT CHANGES IN WELFARE LAW

The purpose of this letter is to provide suggested language for a food stamp benefit change notice. The language of the notice can be used for the Notice of Action or as a "stuffer" notice.

Should you have any questions, please contact your Food Stamp Program Consultant at (916) 322-5475.

Sincerely,

Claude Finn for:

KYLE S. McKINSEY
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Attachment: Food Stamp Benefit Change Notice

cc: CWDA
AFDC

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FOOD STAMP BENEFIT CHANGE NOTICE

Because of a recent statewide change in your cash grant, your eligibility for food stamps may be affected. If your AFDC benefits have increased, your food stamp benefits may decrease. On the other hand, if your AFDC benefits have decreased, it is likely your food stamp benefits will increase.

The change in your AFDC benefits is effective on December 1, 1981. Therefore, your food stamp benefit level may be changed effective the first day of December.

If you believe your food stamp eligibility or benefit amount has been improperly computed, you have the right to request a state hearing. Your request may be written or oral, but it must state that you want a hearing and why you are dissatisfied. The request for a hearing must be received by the Office of the Chief Referee, Department of Social Services, 744 "P" Street, Sacramento, California 95814, or through phoning (800) 952-5253 prior to 90 days of the date of the action with which you are dissatisfied.

If this action stops or reduces your food stamps and you ask for a hearing before the effective date of the action, your benefits may continue unchanged under certain circumstances until the hearing or until your hearing decision. Food stamps will not continue past the end of your current certification period.

You may request a state hearing on your own, or you may ask your eligibility worker for assistance. At a state hearing you have the right to be represented by an attorney or any other person of your choice. You can get help in locating free legal assistance by calling (800) 952-5253.

This action is authorized by state food stamp manual sections 63-504.34 and 502.121.