

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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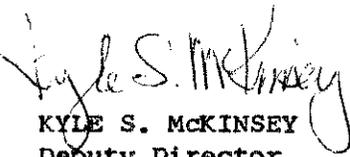
TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: USPS ISSUANCE TRANSACTION RATE INCREASE

Counties presently contracting with the United States Postal Service (USPS) for food stamp issuance were recently informed of an increase in the transaction rate. Effective March 1, 1983 the individual transaction rate increased from \$1.53 to \$1.58. The Department of Social Services is unable to provide funds for this increased issuance cost during state fiscal year 1982/83.

As you are aware, the state budget for 1982/83 does not allow cost-of-living increases for personal and non-personal services, such as increased USPS costs. The department recognizes the burden this limitation places on counties with postal issuance contracts. Counties have the flexibility to transfer any savings realized in NAFS salaries and non-salaried line items to cover increased issuance costs.

Any questions regarding possible funding shortages as a result of USPS increases should be directed to your Cost Control Analyst at (916) 322-5802. Counties wishing to explore alternative systems of issuance or other program information should contact their Food Stamp Program Consultant at (916) 322-5475.

  
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