STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-28-88

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Assembly Bill (AB) 2384

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-103-87, DATED NOVEMBER 13, 1987

This letter is to provide county welfare departments (CWDs) with advance implementation instructions for two new requirements mandated by AB 2384. For informational purposes, this letter also addresses those bill provisions which are consistent with current food stamp requirements. Additional implementation instructions concerning AB 2384 regulation changes will be provided at a later date.

The bill requires each CWD to: (1) compile and make available a list of emergency food providers in the area served by each local food stamp office; and (2) make available, upon the request of food stamp applicants, nonpromotional information that contains addresses and phone numbers of local legal services and welfare rights organizations. Although AB 2384 provisions are effective July 1, 1988, CWDs should initiate the preparation of these lists in order to have them available on July 1, 1988.

A few provisions in AB 2384 reflect current policy and will not require regulation changes. The sponsors of the bill included these items because they felt the provisions were significant and merited restatement. The following state policies are addressed in the bill.

- CWDs are required to inform potential applicants of their right to expedited service and how to initiate the process (M.S. 63-301.52).

- A CWD's application procedures must be designed to identify and provide expedited service to eligible households (M.S. 63-301.52).

- At the time an applicant initially seeks assistance, the CWD shall screen all applications for expedited service as they are filed (M.S. 63-301.52).

In accordance with AB 2384, CWDs will be required to collect expedited service data on the number of applications and their disposition. The Statistical Services Section will be releasing the data collection form, DFA 296X, in the near future. As revised federal provisions for State Plans also require the reporting of this data, the costs related to this activity will be subject to normal sharing ratios.

If you have any questions, please contact Tonya Comage at (916) 324-6847.

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