

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-52-89

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: THE TREATMENT OF MONTHLY RECURRING UNEARNED GOVERNMENTAL BENEFITS IN  
AFDC

REFERENCE: MPP 44-102

This letter is to inform County Welfare Directors of a policy clarification the Department of Social Services has received from the Family Support Administration regarding the treatment of monthly recurring unearned governmental benefits. Under current regulations (MPP 44-102), all income must be considered available in the month received, with four exceptions. The policy clarification obtained permits an additional exception, which the Department intends to implement because it will alleviate recipient hardships and simplify administrative efforts.

The exception will be as follows:

For budgeting purposes, monthly recurring unearned governmental benefits shall be considered to be available in the month the payment was intended, rather than actually received, when the income meets the following criteria:

1. The receipt date of the income varies because mailing cycles cause two payments to be received in one month and none in the next;
2. The source of income is a governmental benefit program (e.g., Social Security benefits, Veterans benefits, Workmen's Compensation, General Assistance); and
3. The income is unearned and recurring.

State regulations will be processed on an emergency basis, with an anticipated effective date on or before October 1, 1989 to implement this exception. In the meanwhile, the current regulations must be followed.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lea Simpson of the AFDC Policy Bureau, at (916) 323-0117.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Horel".

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Deputy Director