

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-69-90

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: VERIFICATION OF FOOD STAMP AND AFDC PARTICIPATION FOR
FREE SCHOOL MEALS - PUBLIC LAW 101-147

REFERENCE: ACIN I-109-87, DATED DECEMBER 3, 1987

This notice advises the County Welfare Departments (CWDs) of recent Federal legislation concerning direct certification of children from Food Stamp households or AFDC assistance units under the school nutrition programs.

Under Public Law 101-147, school food authorities are permitted to certify children eligible for free school meal or milk benefits by directly communicating with local CWDs to obtain documentation that the children are members of households currently certified to receive Food Stamp or AFDC benefits. No further application by the household for free school meals would be required under this new provision.

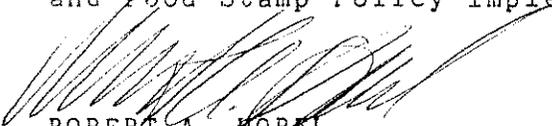
This law authorizes the CWD to release to school food authorities data concerning households' Food Stamp or AFDC eligibility status for the purpose of determining categorical eligibility of children for free school meal or milk benefits.

Interested school food authorities are allowed to implement the direct certification provision with this (1990-1991) school year; however, we realize that, due to late notification, implementation will most likely occur effective with the 1991-1992 school year with developmental work beginning some time this school year.

When contacted, CWDs are encouraged to work directly with local school food authorities to develop procedures mutually agreeable to implement the direct certification program. For example, a computer tape containing students' names and other identifiable information such as date of birth, sex, etc. may be matched against the CWD's data file.

In the meantime, school food authorities are required to comply with current eligibility application and verification procedures. As in the past, CWDs are authorized to release information to school food authorities verifying selected households' Food Stamp or AFDC eligibility status.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Jones of the AFDC and Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 323-0119.



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