

DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS



July 17, 1974

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 74-133

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Treatment of General Assistance Payments in SSI

REFERENCE:

The Bureau of Supplemental Security Income of the Social Security Administration has indicated that they have established as their policy, the treating of General Assistance paid to SSI applicants as a loan, if such payment is secured by an agreement to repay. If the General Assistance payment is considered a loan, it will not be counted as income in computing the applicant's SSI entitlement. However, if the General Assistance payment is not a loan, it will be considered as unearned income and thereby reduce any SSI entitlement dollar for dollar.

In view of this, we are reviewing current county procedures in the handling of General Assistance payments to SSI applicants. For this purpose, we have attached a questionnaire, and ask that you respond by completing and returning this questionnaire to the Adult Program Management and Liaison Branch by no later than July 31, 1974.

Should you have any questions concerning this study or the submission of the questionnaire, please contact the Adult Program Management and Liaison Branch at (916) 445-0813.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis O. Flatt".

DENNIS O. FLATT
Deputy Director
Welfare Program Operations

Attachment

cc: CWDA

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COUNTY PROCEDURE IN HANDLING
GENERAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS
TO SSI/SSP RECIPIENTS

1. County: _____

2. County representative completing this form:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

3. Describe County policy in granting General Assistance:

4. Is a repayment agreement prepared? YES NO
(check one)

If yes, attach a sample copy of Agreement.

If not available, explain: _____

If no, explain procedure: _____

5. Where is the signed repayment agreement filed? _____

6. How is General Assistance provided?

(a) Cash YES NO

(b) Other _____

7. How is the General Assistance Amount determined? _____

8. Are there any comments you want to add concerning your General Assistance payments or the methods and procedures followed in granting General Assistance? (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE BY JULY 31, 1974, TO:

Department of Benefit Payments
Adult Program Management and Liaison Branch
744 P Street, Room 1628
Sacramento, CA 95814