

## DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS



February 20, 1974

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 74-34

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: HOMEMAKER AND CHORE SERVICES IMPLEMENTATION

REFERENCE:

This letter is sent in response to several inquiries requesting clarification of previous letters relating to conversion from the Attendant Care program to the Homemaker/Chore Services program.

A communication dated December 4, 1973 set forth the position of SDSW concerning notification of recipients whose level of services is reduced in terms of either dollars or hours in converting from the Attendant Care program to the Homemaker/Chore Services program implementing the August 9, 1973 letter from the Directors of Health and Social Welfare. You were advised that where such reductions have occurred and where a timely request for fair hearing has been filed in response to the notice of action, the individual is entitled to a level of homemaker/chore services in terms of hours equal to the hours of attendant care need which existed immediately prior to the reduction during the pendency of the fair hearing process.

Requests for clarification have been received regarding retroactive entitlements to benefits in such cases. Recipients who are eligible to receive benefits during the fair hearing process, because they filed a timely request for fair hearing, are entitled to receive the equivalency of such benefits as of the date of the conversion from attendant care to homemaker/chore services which resulted in the reduced level of services. Such retroactive benefits shall be paid in cash to the individual.

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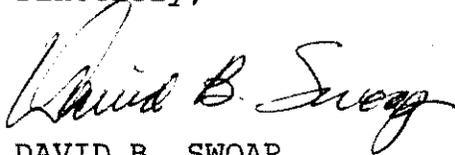
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In response to inquiries concerning the basis for the reassessment of the needs of attendant care recipients in converting to the Homemaker/Chore Services program, I again want to reemphasize the position expressed in previous communications from this Department and the Department of Health that all such reevaluations are to be based solely upon the need of the individual.

Sincerely,



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Director