

DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 74-99

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: CLARIFICATION OF MANUAL SECTION 63-302.81,
INCOME POLICY FOR ASSISTANCE AND NONASSISTANCE
REFERENCE: HOUSEHOLDS

The above section of the manual appears to need clarification based on the number of inquiries received. To determine gross income, do not consider "reimbursements" of out-of-pocket expenses to be "payments" under Section 63-302.81 and most specifically under Section 63-302.81 m. Reimbursements for out-of-pocket expenses received by CWEP recipients for child care or transportation costs, must not be used in computing purchase requirements.

Since all such "reimbursements" are to be disregarded, they need not be entered as income under line 17 or as income exclusions under lines 23 or 27 of the DFA 285.2 as some counties have done.

Section 63-302.81 l states that "payments... from any source whatever which may be construed to be a gain or benefit..." must be counted as income. This subsection of 63-302.81 acts as a "catch-all" to insure the inclusion of a client's benefit when that payment is not specifically listed in items a through n. This particular section also acts to define "income" or "payments" in terms of an increase in value received by the recipient.

The CWEP recipient receives no increase in value by being reimbursed for transportation expenses that were actually expended by him, and in no way could it be said that the client does anymore than "break-even" in the transaction.

If you have any questions regarding this material contact Richard Havnen, Chief, Food Stamp Management Bureau at (916) 445-6907.

Sincerely,

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