

DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS  
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



May 14, 1976

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 76-74

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM - IMPLEMENTATION OF AFDC COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES

REFERENCE:

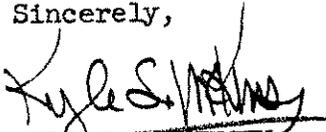
New AFDC cost-of-living increases will go into effect on July 1. The 30-day hearing period for these proposed regulations will end May 21, 1976. Soon thereafter, counties will receive final notification of these changes in AFDC regulations. We do not anticipate any substantive changes from the proposed regulations.

The new federal food stamp regulation changes will not alter the July 1 implementation deadline for AFDC cost-of-living increases.

Your county may have an EDP system which requires at least 45 days of lead time for these AFDC annual cost-of-living increases. If so, we recommend that you reprogram to reflect these proposed changes for July issuance. FNS will not allow extensions beyond the July 1 deadline. Failure to implement the cost-of-living increases by July 1 will necessitate claim determinations on every AFDC-related food stamp case.

You may direct any questions to Dick Fox of the Food Stamp Policy Coordination Bureau at (916) 445-6907.

Sincerely,

  
KYLE S. MCKINSEY  
Deputy Director

cc: FNS, USDA  
CWDA

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**DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS**

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May 13, 1976

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 76-73

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SIXTH ANNUAL NATIONAL FOSTER PARENTS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE,  
MAY 19-23, 1976.REFERENCE: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES MEMORANDUM 12-76  
DATED March 12, 1976.

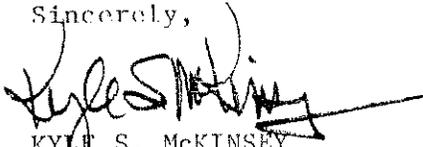
This is a follow-up of the Department of Health Services Memorandum 12-76 regarding the availability of federal funds for foster parents' attendance at the Sixth Annual National Conference.

Federal financial participation has been authorized under Title IV-A for two foster parents per state to participate in conferences related to foster care. The matching is available as an administrative cost at the usual 50 percent rate. A copy of SRS-AT-76-40 which transmits the federal policy on this issue is attached.

Due to the limitations of two persons per state, counties will not be authorized to utilize IV-A funds for funding foster parent attendance at the conference. This differs from the situation in recent previous years in which there was more liberal funding.

The Department of Benefit Payments will authorize funding of costs for two foster parents selected by the Social Services Division of the State Department of Health.

Sincerely,

  
KYLE S. MCKINSEY  
Deputy Director

Attachment

cc: CWDA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE  
SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20201

PROGRAM INSTRUCTION

ACTION TRANSMITTAL  
SRS-AT-76-40

March 12, 1976

TO: STATE AGENCIES ADMINISTERING APPROVED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PLANS

SUBJECT: Administrative Costs for Participation in the Foster Care Conferences

INSTRUCTION: This is to clarify, in response to inquiries, that Federal financial participation under title IV-A is available for Foster parents to participate in conferences related to Foster care, but will be limited to two Foster parent participants per conference. The matching is available as an administrative cost at the usual 50 percent rate.

Foster parents perform important activities for the AFDC program by providing care and services to AFDC children. Conferences which include discussions of significant administrative issues, including agency relationships, rates, placement procedures, and due process will frequently be helpful to Foster parents in providing a better informed leadership to Foster parent groups.

PROGRAM APPLICABILITY: AFDC Program.

INQUIRIES TO: SRS Regional Commissioners.

*Richard A. Gordon*

Acting Commissioner  
Assistance Payments Administration

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

714 P STREET  
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March 12, 1976

SERVICES MEMORANDUM 12-76

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SIXTH ANNUAL NATIONAL FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, HONOLULU,  
HAWAII, MAY 19-23, 1976

This is in response to inquiries received from a number of counties regarding the availability of federal funding to meet part of the cost for attendance by foster parents at the Sixth Annual National Conference.

In previous years the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare authorized by special letter the use of Title IV-A service funds for conference attendance.

The California State Department of Health has discussed the status of conference attendance under Title XX with the Region IX Office of DHEW. We are informed the matter is under consideration; however, we are not encouraged that federal funds will be authorized.

Subsequently, counties are advised to plan attendance of foster parents at the conference without federal and state participation for the expenses of foster parent delegates.

Further developments confirming or contrary to this information will immediately be transmitted to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary D. Macomber".

GARY D. MACOMBER  
Deputy Director  
Social Services Division

Contact: Verner Felker, Foster Care Consultant, Children Services Branch,  
714 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 445-7653

This memorandum is effective until June 28, 1976 unless sooner rescinded or superseded.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

714 P STREET  
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January 24, 1975

EXAMPLE:

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
CALIFORNIA STATE FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION

## FIFTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF FOSTER PARENTS

The Fifth National Conference of Foster Parents is being held in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, April 30 - May 3, 1975. Arrangements for attendance of foster parents and county staff will be the same as for the previous conferences.

The U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has authorized federal funding for county welfare departments to use in paying part of the expenses for foster parents to attend the conference.

County welfare agencies may select foster parents and send them as delegates to the conference and claim 75% matching from Title IV-A service funds for their travel and per diem costs.

To claim Federal financial participation for travel costs of foster parents, the county agency must designate the foster parents as official representatives of the county agency to the conference, which has as its purpose the improvement of foster care services. Staff attendance can be reimbursed through the use of regular training funds and is not limited to Title IV-A as are foster parents.

It is not necessary that the foster parent be one who is caring for an AFDC child, as the purpose is to have the person, upon his return assist in improving the foster parent program - a program available to all children. These costs would be claimed on page 1, DFA 325.3 - Group III, Direct Costs - A - Social Services - 2. Operating Costs (AFDC) on the Administrative Expense Claim. Use Code 6.

Counties are reminded that any use of donated funds as non-Federal share must conform to 45 CFR 220.64 which states in part:

220.64(b)(2) Donated private funds for services may not be considered as State (County) funds in claiming Federal reimbursement where such funds are:

- (i) Contributed funds which revert to the donor's facility or use.
- (ii) Donated funds which are earmarked for a particular individual or for members of a particular organization.

The conference theme is "Together for Children" and will emphasize the mutual purpose and action of community, social workers, foster parents, and natural parents in working together on behalf of children.

Sincerely,

  
Albert Seltzer  
Program Manager  
Social Services Program

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