

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
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April 26, 1979

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 79-25

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS

SUBJECT: CHILD SUPPORT AND GOOD CAUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-34-79

In accordance with the above reference, we are enclosing a copy of a report form and instructions for providing the required data. Because federal reporting requirements are expected to change (see DHEW Action Transmittal attached), this form is issued as a temporary one-time only report for the quarter ending September 30, 1979, to comply with DHEW "good cause" regulations (Section 45-CFR 272.48) dated October 3, 1978.

The attached DHEW Action Transmittal SSA-AT-79-6 of March 6, 1979 requires the maintenance of a monthly roster of good cause claims made in administering the AFDC program. The roster shall include the: 1) case name and number of the claimant; 2) whether the claimant is an applicant or recipient; 3) the county or district in which the claimant has made application for, or is receiving AFDC payment; and, 4) final determination on the validity of the claim.

This roster shall be maintained effective May 1, 1979.

If you have questions or wish additional information, please contact Beth MacIntosh of the Statistical Services Bureau at (916) 322-5462.

Sincerely,


R. E. REICH
Deputy Director
Administration

Attachment

cc: CWDA

NON-COOPERATION IN ESTABLISHING
PATERNITY AND SECURING SUPPORT FOR
CHILDREN RECEIVING AFDC

Send One Copy by 15th Working Day of
October 1979 to:
Department of Social Services
Statistical Services Bureau
744 P Street, M.S. 12-81
Sacramento CA 95814

County _____
For Quarter ending September 30, 1979

1. Number of AFDC cases in which refusal to
cooperate in establishing paternity and
securing child support occurred

2. Number of AFDC cases in which good cause
for refusal to cooperate was determined
as specified in EAS 43-107.42

Person to Contact regarding this Report	Telephone No. ()	Date Report Prepared
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NONCOOPERATION IN ESTABLISHING PATERNITY AND SECURING
SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING AFDC

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Number of AFDC Cases in Which Refusal to Cooperate in Establishing Paternity and Securing Child Support Occurred

Report all cases where an applicant for (or recipient of) AFDC has refused to cooperate with the county and the district attorney as specified in DSS regulation 43-107.11 whether or not such refusal results in a denial (or discontinuance) of aid for the applicant or recipient.

The count should include all cases referred to the District Attorney for action (EAS 43-201.14) when a check mark has been made on the CA 371 in the applicable information section opposite "Applicant/Recipient has not agreed to cooperate in establishing paternity or obtaining support"...

If the county does not use the CA 371 for making referrals to the District Attorney, the information must be obtained from the case record or any other available source.

Note: The roster requirement set forth in the All-County Letter that accompanies this form and these instructions will provide most of the data needed to complete this item. An additional tally may be necessary to count those cases where refusal to cooperate has occurred but there is no claim of good cause for such refusal.

2. Number of AFDC Cases in Which Good Cause for Refusal to Cooperate was Determined as Specified in EAS 43-107.42

Report all cases where Good Cause for refusing to cooperate has been established.

The count should include all cases where a final determination has been made in the report quarter that Good Cause does exist. This should be indicated in the FINAL DETERMINATION section of the CA 51 by a check mark entered in the box "Good Cause does exist".

DUE DATE

This report is to be received in Sacramento not later than the 15th working day of October 1979. Send report to:

Statistical Services Bureau
Department of Social Services
744 P Street, M.S. 12-81
Sacramento, CA 95814

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

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FOR INFORMATION TO:
FEDERAL HANDBOOK HOLDER

PROGRAM INSTRUCTION

ACTION TRANSMITTAL
SSA-AT-79-6 (OFA)
March 6, 1979

TO: STATE AGENCIES ADMINISTERING APPROVED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PLANS AND OTHER INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: Record Keeping in Good Cause Claims for Refusing to Cooperate in Child Support Enforcement Program

RELATED
ISSUANCE: SSA-AT-78-34 (OFA), October 3, 1978

BACKGROUND: Under 45 CFR 232.48, the State is required to maintain records of the activities that will make it possible to submit to the Department, upon request, specific information on good cause claims in administering the AFDC program. Currently, SSA is developing a statistical form and instructions for reporting of specific data. It is expected that these forms with instructions will be available to the States so that data collection can begin September 1 or October 1, 1979, with a first report to be made to SSA-Office of Research and Statistics during May 1980. Congressional interest in the impact of this particular regulation suggests strongly that information on good cause claims be available at a much earlier date. This may necessitate OFA to conduct administrative reviews of State practices relating to good cause claims and/or requesting States to provide information, in addition to that being currently reported to OCSE on good cause claims. In anticipation that one or the other, or both of these possibilities will arise, we are establishing the requirement noted below.

INSTRUCTION: The State shall maintain a monthly roster of good cause claims made in administering its AFDC program. The roster

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in Child Support Enforcement Program

shall include the: (1) case name and number of the claimant, (2) whether the claimant is an applicant or recipient, (3) the county or district in which the claimant has made application for or is receiving AFDC payment, and (4) final determination on the validity of the claim.

EFFECTIVE: May 1, 1979

INQUIRIES TO: SSA Regional Commissioners.



Associate Commissioner for
Family Assistance