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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 81-46

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT OFFICES

SUBJECT: California Residence of Adoptive Families Receiving California
Children's Services (formerly Crippled Children's Services)

This is to call your attention to the California residence requirement for California Children's Services (formerly Crippled Children's Services) as it affects the adoption program. According to California Children's Services, Health and Safety Code Section 240 et. seq., residence for purpose of eligibility shall be that of the adopting parents.

Although California Children's Services is a statewide service, the parents or guardian of the child must be residents of the county which will provide the service. If an adoptive family moves to another county in California, the family must contact California Children's Services in the county of their new residence for a continuation of service at which time records and the state number are transferred.

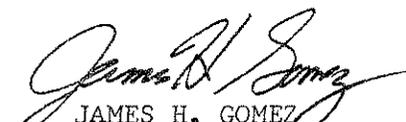
If an adoptive family moves from California, eligibility for services from California Children's Services ceases, and an application must be made to the other state program where requirements and benefits may vary.

To avoid hardships for adoptive families, it is important that the above information be made clear by the agency in discussion with the families prior to adoptive placement. In some instances, families have moved out of California believing that benefits from California could be continued in the other state.

California Children's Services should not be confused with Aid for the Adoption of Children which may be continued outside of the state of California unless there is some other change in eligibility status of the child.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact your Adoptions Program Consultant.

Sincerely,


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