STATE OF CALIFORNIA - HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 81-71

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: EARNED INCOME EXEMPTION

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 81-20

This letter is being issued to instruct the counties on the current status of the earned income exemption ($30 and one-third) for Refugee Cash Assistance or Entrant Cash Assistance cases that become eligible for AFDC and vice versa.

Currently MPP Section 44-207.222 requires that an Indochinese or Cuban refugee cash assistance payment be considered an AFDC payment in the determination of AFDC eligibility. Due to this current regulation, instructions issued in All-County Letter No. 81-20, dated February 26, 1981 are rescinded. This means that a Refugee Cash Assistance or Entrant Cash Assistance payment is considered an AFDC payment in all cases, whether the case becomes AFDC eligible due to a change in circumstances or due to an interprogram conversion.

All cases that were affected by the policy initially issued in All-County Letter No. 81-20 shall be reviewed, and lost benefits, if any, shall be restored.

This situation was caused by a conflict in federal instructions received by the State and is currently being addressed by AFDC Program Management Branch staff. Counties will be advised of any proposed changes to current AFDC regulations.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Office of Refugee Services at (916) 322-3141.

Sincerely,

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for ROBERT ROWLEY
Chief Deputy Director

cc: CWDA
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