

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 82-113

TO: ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE (SUA)

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the new Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) for calendar year 1983.

As you are aware, the state regulations were recently revised, removing the amount of the SUA from the regulations to the Food Stamp Handbook. The regulations stated that the SUA would be annually adjusted by SDSS to reflect any increases or decreases in the cost-of-living (63-502.364), and the first such adjustment under these regulations becomes effective January 1, 1983. The new SUA for the calendar year 1983 will be \$97 and must be applied to all cases, such that the January 1, 1983 allotment reflects the increased SUA. This new amount will remain in effect until otherwise notified as a result of the annual reassessment of the cost-of-living change.

The SUA amount will be changed in the Food Stamp Handbook to reflect this adjustment and this revised Food Stamp Handbook section (63-1101.5) will be released by the end of January 1983. In order to comply with the requirements of mass changes (63-504.341(b)) you must inform food stamp households of this change and its effective date. This information must be conveyed no later than the date of issuance of any affected allotments and may be presented in the form of a news release, poster, individualized notices to each household or general stuffer notices. Suggested notice language is attached.

If you should have any further questions regarding this letter, please contact your Food Stamp Program Consultant at (916) 322-5475.

  
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Attachment

cc: CWBA