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. 84-110

TO: ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE (SUA)

In accordance with food stamp regulations Section 63-502.364, the Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) has been adjusted to reflect changes in the cost of living. The new SUA for the calendar year 1985 will be $ 112, and must be applied to all cases, such that the January 1, 1985 allotment reflects the increased SUA.

The SUA amount will be changed in the Food Stamp Handbook 63-1101.5 to reflect this adjustment and the revision released by the first of next year.

In order to comply with the requirements for mass changes (63-504.391(b)), the CWDs must inform Food Stamp households of this change and its effective date. This information should be conveyed by the attached stuffer notice no later than the date of issuance of any affected allotments.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 445-6907.

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Deputy Director

Attachment

cc: CWDA

SUGGESTED NOTICE FOR CHANGES TO THE STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE

Effective January 1, 1985, the Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) will increase from $106 to $112 for calendar year 1985.

This notice is to let you know that if you are using the SUA in your shelter deduction, rather than using your actual utility costs, your food stamp benefit amount may also increase. If you have any questions, please ask your Eligibility Worker.

If you are dissatisfied with the action, you have the right to request a state hearing. Your request may be written or oral, but it must state that you want a hearing and why you are dissatisfied. The request for a hearing must be received by your county welfare department or by phoning (800) 952-5253 within 90 days of the date of the action with which you are dissatisfied. (For the DEAF only, call TDD-800-952-8349.)

You may request a state hearing on your own, or you may ask your eligibility worker for assistance. At a state hearing you have the right to be represented by an attorney or any other person of your choice. You can get help in locating free legal assistance by calling (800) 952-5253.