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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 86-105

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF REFUGEE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT (RDP) REQUIREMENTS

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY LETTER 85-61, 85-70, 85-75

The purpose of this letter is to clarify several issues concerning the administration of the RDP. These issues have been raised during recent County Welfare Department reviews. The issues clarified include: 1) the application of the 100-hour work rule, 2) time eligibility requirements, 3) assistance claiming of RDP cases, and 4) full-time college attendance in the RDP.

1. 100-hour Work Rule

It has come to our attention that some counties are applying the RDP waiver of the 100-hour work rule at initial application for assistance. This is incorrect. The RDP requires the assistance unit to meet Federal AFDC eligibility requirements, including the 100-hour work rule, prior to being eligible for RDP (MPP Section 69-205.3). In the AFDC-U Program, deprivation does not exist if the parent is employed 100 hours or more per month at the time of application. An RDP-U applicant working more than 100 hours a month at application does not meet Federal eligibility criteria for AFDC-U and, therefore, is not eligible for RDP-U. The 100-hour work rule waiver only applies to continuing RDP cases.

2. Time Eligibility

Eligibility for RDP is based upon the time eligibility of the principal earner/caretaker relative (PE/CR) (MPP Section 69-206.211). When the PE/CR in the RDP case time expires, the RDP cash assistance to the remaining members of the assistance unit is terminated, regardless of the time eligibility of the remaining members of the assistance unit. The case is then transferred to Federal AFDC-FG/U, via interprogram transfer, if the RDP assistance unit is determined eligible. A new application is not required (MPP Section 69-204.3). For AFDC-U cases, connection with the labor force established prior to transfer to RDP shall be retained, provided a break in aid has not occurred. If there has been a break in aid (e.g., the case was sanctioned), then connection to the labor force must be re-established.

### 3. Assistance Claiming of RDP Cases

For all RDP eligible cases, the date of entry must be shown on the RDP payroll for each member of the assistance unit who is still time eligible. This will ensure that assistance payments on behalf of time eligible persons in RDP cases will be 100 percent Federally-funded and that assistance payments on behalf of time expired persons will be funded at the appropriate Federal/State/County rate. All-County Letter 85-70, dated June 27, 1985, gives further assistance claiming instructions for RDP cases.

### 4. Full-time College Students

Any member of the RDP cash assistance unit who is a full-time student in an institution of higher education is ineligible to receive an RDP grant (MPP Sections 69-206.5 and 69-213.7). This not only applies to the PE/CR, but to all other members of the assistance unit. In an RDP-U case, the principal earner may attend college full time only if he/she is excluded from the case and, in order to establish deprivation, has WIN registered and has been referred by the County Welfare Department to the Central Intake Unit with an RS 3 (Central Intake Unit Referral Form). The PE must continue to cooperate with the mandatory refugee employment/training system. If the PE fails to cooperate, without good cause, then the entire assistance unit will be subject to sanction. In an RDP-FG case, the CR may attend college full time only if he/she is excluded from the RDP assistance unit. Any individual excluded from the RDP assistance unit based on full-time college attendance is also ineligible for AFDC, RCA, and State-only AFDC-U.

If you have any questions on the above clarification, please contact Fred C. Schack, Chief, Refugee Support Management Bureau, at (916) 322-3141.

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