STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY

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

April 16, 1986

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO: 86-31

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOUR COURT CASES (NORTH COAST COALITION V. WOODS, WOOD V. WOODS, WRIGHT V. WOODS AND ANGUS V. WOODS): EXTENSION OF FILING DEADLINE

REFERENCE: MPP SECTIONS 50-014.314, .315, .321 AND .322
ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 86-19, DATED MARCH 3, 1986
ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS MEDS TRANSMITTAL OF MARCH 14, 1986.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with specific information related to the agreement reached between the department and the plaintiffs' attorneys that Four Court Case claims received as post marked on or before March 21, 1986 are to be considered submitted timely.

On March 14, 1986 we transmitted to you (through the MEDS Electronic Mail System) an All County Welfare Director's Letter informing you of this agreement. The letter instructed you to rescind any denial action taken since February 28, 1986 based on MPP Section 50-014.322 and to process the claim. The letter also informed you that applicants may request a claimant notification packet until March 21, 1986. At the time the packet was provided, the potential claimant was to be informed of the March 21, 1986 deadline for submittal.

As a result of this agreement, the instructions contained in All County Letter No. 86-19, dated March 3, 1986 must also be amended to reflect the new submittal deadline. The new deadline by which Legal Aid Offices must provide you with claims initially submitted to them on or before March 21, 1986 is March 31, 1986. Any claims which are postmarked or delivered to you from a Legal Aid Office after March 31, 1986 shall be denied.

In order to fully implement the new submittal deadline, certain regulations contained in MPP Section 50-014 must be amended. Specifically, MPP Sections 50-014.314 and .322 need to be amended to reflect the new deadline of March 21, 1986. MPP Section 50-014.315(b) needs to be amended to reflect the new submittal date of April 21, 1986 for resubmittal of a claim previously denied because it was initially sent to the wrong county. MPP Section 50-014.325 needs to be amended to reflect a new date (September 30, 1986) by which the final statistical report is due. In addition, we are proposing to add a new subsection to MPP Section 50-014.314 which would place into regulations the deadline by which Legal Aid Offices have to forward claims to CWDs. These revisions are being pursued through the emergency filing process. Upon filing, these revisions will effect claims filed subsequent to February 28, 1986.

In keeping with the new submittal deadline, the following forms are to be amended as indicated:

1) Statistical Report Forms (TEMP 1635, 1635A, 1635B and 1635C) must be amended to reflect the revised reporting period of November 1, 1985 - March 21, 1986; and

2) Notices of Claim Action "Four Court Cases - Denial - Withdrew Claim (1)" and "Four Court Cases - Denial - Late Claim (2)" must be amended to reflect the March 21, 1986 date.

To revise the aforementioned forms, simply cross out the February 28, 1986 date and write in the new March 21, 1986 date.

Also, we are in the process of reviewing the cost impact of the Four Court Case implementation including these changes. We are looking at grant and county administrative costs for fiscal year 1985-86, as well as new costs to be incurred in fiscal year 1986-87. We will provide you with more information concerning this matter as it becomes available.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Joe Carleton of the AFDC and Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 324-2016 or ATSS 454-2016.

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cc: CWDA