

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 88-02

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTIES WHICH HAVE AREAS THAT ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE FOOD STAMP EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (FSET) PROGRAM

The purpose of this letter is to clarify County responsibilities regarding food stamp recipients who reside in designated geographically excluded areas. The geographical exclusion allows food stamp work registrants to be exempted from participating in an employment and training component, but it does not nullify other applicable food stamp work-related regulations. The major requirements which apply to geographically excluded food stamp recipients are as follows:

- o Work registration requirements (MPP 63-407.1): All food stamp participants who do not meet the exemption criteria in MPP 63-407.21 must be work registered. This is done by noting each household member's status on the application form.
- o Statistical reporting requirements (MPP 63-407.843): Quarterly statistical reporting is required for all Counties, including those that are totally or partially geographically excluded.
- o Work registrant requirements (MPP 63-407.4): All work registrants, including those in geographically excluded areas, are subject to the provisions of Sections 63-407.42, .43, and .44. Work registrants must respond to a request for supplemental information regarding employment status, report to an employer if referred, and accept any bona fide offer of suitable employment.
- o Application of sanctions (MPP 63-407.5): In order to determine the consequences of a registrant's failure to comply with the requirements of Sections 63-407.42 through .44, and Section 63-408 (Voluntary Quit), the County Welfare Department must determine the Principal Work Registrant in accordance with Section 63-407.511.

- o Reestablishing eligibility during a disqualification period (MPP 63-407.6 and 63-408.6): Any individual or household under sanction for a work-related violation must be provided the opportunity to "cure" the sanction and reestablish eligibility by resuming compliance with the requirement.

Please direct any questions about this letter to your consultant in the GAIN and Employment Services Operations Bureau at (916) 325-6962.

Sincerely,



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