

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 89-52

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: BEGINNING DATE OF AID FOR NEWBORNS IN AFDC, RCA, ECA AND
RDP

REFERENCE: RDB #1287-55

This is to advise you that the proposed regulation package RDB #1287-55, Beginning Date of Aid For Newborns, was approved by the Office of Administrative Law and became effective on April 1, 1989. The revised regulations do not represent a significant change in the way these cases should have been handled under previous regulations.

The new regulations deal with the procedures for adding a newborn and his/her otherwise eligible father to an existing Assistance Unit (AU). Previous provisions on this subject, located in MPP Section 44-317.22, which addresses the beginning date of aid, have been repealed. Under the new regulations, cases which involve newborns are to be treated as "add a person(s)" situations rather than as new applicant situations. The newborn and the father are added to the assistance unit based on when they meet eligibility conditions. In most case situations, this will be the date of birth of the newborn (44-205.63).

A new CA 1 (application) is not required to add the father to the AU when the father of the unborn is living with a pregnant woman who is being aided as a pregnant woman only (PWO) case since information about the father has been included on the CA 1 and CA 2 Statement of Facts completed with the pregnant woman's application for aid (MPP 44-205.6). At the time of the baby's birth, the father and newborn should be added to the AU, provided that all eligibility factors have been met. The CA 8 is used at this point to document the addition of the newborn. It is not mandatory that the CA 8 be completed prior to this time.

If the father moves into the home at the time of the baby's birth, a new CA 2 or CA 8 should be used to document the addition of the newborn and father in accordance with MPP 40-118.1. Again, it is not necessary that the form (CA 2 or CA 8) be completed prior to adding the newborn and his/her otherwise eligible father to the AU.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call Kay Silva, AFDC and Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 324-2725 or ATSS 454-2725.



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