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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 90-52

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE (RCA) JOB SEARCH REQUIREMENTS

The purpose of this letter is to transmit policy instructions to the County Welfare Departments (CWDs) regarding eight-week job search requirements for RCA recipients.

Recently, this office received guidance from the Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) with respect to questions the State Department of Social Services (SDSS) raised concerning interruptions in job search activity and prior participation in job search activity in another State or County.

The instructions received from ORR regarding these two issues are as follows.

Interruption in Job Search Activity

An RCA recipient may interrupt his/her eight-week job search activity and be credited with job search already completed as long as the recipient has good cause for the interruption. The ORR maintains that to allow recipients to interrupt their job search without good cause and still receive credit for job search already completed would undermine the requirement that the job search take place for eight consecutive weeks.

Prior Job Search in Another State or County

If eight-week job search is completed in one County/State during the RCA recipient's first six months in the United States (U.S.), and the recipient moves to another County/State during his/her second six months in the U.S., the CWD must refer the recipient to another eight weeks of mandatory job search in order for the recipient to remain eligible for RCA.

However, if a recipient has completed mandatory job search elsewhere during their second six months in the U.S., it is not necessary to require a second full eight weeks of job search during the same six-month period as it could be burdensome for the recipient and interfere with the delivery of other necessary services.

If you have any questions, please contact your County Refugee Program Operations Analyst at (916) 323-2131.



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