STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY

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

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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 92-07

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STANDARD TELEPHONE ALLOWANCE IN FOOD STAMPS

REFERENCE: 63-502.352(b)

This letter is to inform County Welfare Departments that California's standard telephone allowance has been increased from $6 to $20 effective April 1, 1992.

A recent Departmental study revealed that current costs for telephone mandatory fees and basic service in most of California are between $17.99 and $19.58. Using this information, the Department requested and received approval from the Food and Nutrition Service to increase the standard telephone allowance to $20 for California Food Stamp households.

Food Stamp Manual Section 63-502.352(b) will be changed to reflect the new standard telephone allowance in a future regulations package.

If you have any questions, please contact Michele Carotti, of the Welfare Policy Implementation Bureau, at (916) 654-1405.

Sincerely,

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