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Reason for this Transmittal

- State Law Change
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- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 95-77

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY GAIN COORDINATORS  
ALL COUNTY AFDC COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: REMOTENESS EXEMPTION

REFERENCES: ALL-COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 90-121

The purpose of this letter is to transmit new instructions and forms for determining whether Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) applicants/recipients are exempt from participation in the Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program due to remoteness.

The remoteness exemption is defined in Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Section 42-794, which states, "An individual is exempt when he/she is residing in a location which is so remote from a GAIN Program activity that the individual's effective participation in GAIN is precluded. An individual shall be considered remote if a round trip of more than two hours by reasonably available public or private transportation, exclusive of the time necessary to transport children to and from a child care facility, would be required for a normal work or training day..."

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) previously interpreted MPP Section 42-794 to mean that the two-hour rule did not apply to GAIN orientation and appraisal, since orientation and appraisal were not considered to be "normal work and training day" activities. However, CDSS has determined that a better interpretation of the relevant federal regulations would be to apply the remoteness exemption to participation in any GAIN activity, including orientation and appraisal.

The attached emergency regulations are scheduled to become effective on December 15, 1995. These regulations require the county to determine whether an AFDC applicant/recipient is exempt due to remoteness (or any other reason) prior to sending the

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individual a GAIN 24, GAIN Registration form. The GAIN 24 informs applicants/recipients that they are required to participate in GAIN because they are not exempt, and it is sent to applicants/recipients before they are scheduled to attend GAIN orientation and appraisal.

The attached regulations also mandate a process whereby an individual may submit a written exemption determination request at any time prior to, or during, participation in the GAIN Program. This process provides individuals with a mechanism for transmitting information relevant to their exemption status to the counties. The attached regulations also require that counties document their exemption determinations in writing and provide a copy to the applicant/recipient.

The forms, instructions, and guidelines necessary to implement the emergency regulations are attachments to this ACL. NOTE: The attached forms do not include any revisions that may be required as a result of the implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 1371, Chapter 306, Statutes of 1995. Counties are strongly advised to reproduce only the number of forms that they will need prior to receipt of the revised forms in the implementation ACL for AB 1371, which should be sent to counties before January 1, 1996.

If you have any questions regarding implementation of the emergency regulations or regarding the enclosed materials, please contact Bill Passavant, of the Employment Policy Section, at (916) 654-1423.



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Attachments

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**REMOTENESS EXEMPTION**

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REMOTENESS EXEMPTION

Implementation Guidelines

Overview

The draft emergency regulations, contained in Attachment 3, require the county to determine whether an AFDC applicant/recipient is exempt from GAIN participation requirements prior to sending the individual a GAIN 24 (4/94) GAIN Registration form. The emergency regulations also require the county to document each exemption determination and notify the applicant/recipient of the results of the exemption determination prior to sending the GAIN 24 to the individual.

Applicability of the Remoteness Exemption to GAIN Orientation and Appraisal

Section 42-760.42 of the emergency regulations ensures the applicability of the remoteness exemption, and other exemptions, to GAIN orientation and appraisal activities by requiring that counties determine whether an AFDC applicant/recipient is exempt from GAIN participation prior to sending the individual a GAIN 24, GAIN Registration form.

Provision of GAIN Exemption Information to AFDC Applicants

ACL #90-121 required counties to provide all AFDC applicants with the GAIN 53 (GAIN Program Notice) at the time of AFDC application, in order to provide applicants with information regarding GAIN program requirements and exemption criteria. As soon as administratively possible, counties shall provide the revised GAIN 53 (6/95) GAIN Program Notice to all applicants at the time of AFDC application. The GAIN 53 has been updated to more clearly describe the remoteness exemption and to clarify other exemptions. The form has also been revised to describe how an applicant/recipient may obtain a GAIN 52 (6/95) GAIN Exemption Request to make an exemption determination request.

In order to provide AFDC applicants/recipients with an opportunity to request a remoteness exemption prior to attending GAIN orientation and appraisal, counties shall indicate the location(s) of the orientation and appraisal site(s) on the GAIN 53 and GAIN 52.

Provision of Activity Location to GAIN Participants for Exemption Determinations

If a GAIN participant asks for the GAIN 52 form in order to request an exemption determination, the county shall indicate the location of the GAIN activity that the participant is scheduled

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to attend on the GAIN 52 prior to mailing or giving it to the participant.

Requests to be Exempt from GAIN

Counties shall provide the GAIN 52 (6/95) GAIN Exemption Request to any AFDC applicant/recipient or GAIN participant who wants to request an exemption. The GAIN 52 is now a required form.

Exemption Determinations

Counties shall make all exemption determinations on the GAIN 63 (6/95) GAIN Exemption Determination form. Counties shall not send the GAIN 24 (4/94) GAIN Registration form to an applicant/recipient until the county has determined whether the applicant/recipient is exempt and sent a completed GAIN 63 to the applicant/recipient. In addition, the GAIN 63 is to be used to respond to exemption requests made on the GAIN 52 by GAIN participants.

Forms

Reproducible copies of the forms listed above and instructions for their use are included in Attachment 2 of this ACL. Camera-ready copies of the forms, in English, may be obtained from the Forms Management Unit at (916) 657-1984.

**IMPORTANT:** The attached forms do not include any revisions that may be required as a result of implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 1371, Chapter 306, Statutes of 1995. Counties are strongly advised to reproduce only the number of forms that they will need prior to receipt of the revised forms in the implementation ACL for AB 1371, which should be sent to counties before January 1, 1996.

Translated copies of the forms will be available as follows:

- a. Translated copies of the GAIN 52, 53 and 63 in Spanish will be sent to county forms coordinators by the Forms Management Unit under separate cover.
- b. The four standard Asian translations of the GAIN 52, 53 and 63 will be sent to county forms coordinators by the Language Services Bureau under separate cover following distribution of the implementation ACL for AB 1371.

Attachment 2

REMOTENESS EXEMPTION

Forms and Instructions

New/Revised Forms. The following new and revised forms, with instructions for their use, are contained in this attachment:

GAIN 52 (6/95), GAIN Exemption Request (new form)

GAIN 53 (6/95), GAIN Program Notice (revised)

GAIN 63 (6/95), GAIN Exemption Determination (new form)

Obsolete Forms. The following forms are now obsolete and counties should discontinue their use:

GAIN 52 (4/94), Request to be Excused from GAIN

GAIN 53 (4/94), GAIN Program Notice

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

CASE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER ID NO. \_\_\_\_\_

WORKER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**GAIN EXEMPTION REQUEST**

Questions? Ask your worker.

If you have been told that you may be required to be in GAIN or you are already in GAIN, you may request to be exempt from GAIN because of one of the reasons listed below. If you are eligible for the Cal-Learn Program, or if you got a high school degree or its equivalent while you were in the Cal-Learn Program, some of these exemptions may not apply to you. For more information, contact your eligibility worker or Cal-Learn case manager. Please also send any information that will help the county decide if you should be exempt from GAIN.

If you answer "Yes" to any of these questions, you may be exempt from GAIN. Please answer all of the questions. This form cannot be completed by county.

**YES NO**

1. Are you under 16 years old?
2. Are you 16, 17 or 18 years old and in high school or adult school? (Does not apply if you are in high school or adult school as a GAIN assignment.)
3. Are you temporarily ill or have an injury that would keep you from going to work or training? Please describe your illness/injury and how long you think this will keep you from participating and provide any medical proof you have. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Are you living so far away from a GAIN activity that you can't take part. This means it takes more than two hours total travel time from your home to go to and from any GAIN activity, including orientation and appraisal. If you take public transportation, such as a bus, your travel time includes the time it takes you to walk to the bus stop, the time to transfer from one bus to another, and the time to walk from the bus stop to the GAIN activity. Your travel time does not include the time you need to take children to and from child care. Your GAIN orientation, appraisal, or other activity will be at: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Are you staying home on a regular basis to take care of someone in the household who can't take care of him/herself, and nobody else in the home is available to care for the person?
6. Are you the caretaker parent or relative of a child under three? This may not apply if you have been excused before for having a child under three. (Does not apply if you are age 19 and do not have a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) Certificate.)
7. Are you working at least 30 hours per week?
8. Are you physically or mentally unable to work? Please describe and provide any medical proof you have. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Are you 60 years old or older?
10. Are you more than three months pregnant?
11. Are you a VISTA volunteer?
12. Are you a person who has no legal right to work in the United States?

- You will be informed whether or not you are exempt from GAIN and the reason why.
- You may be asked to give the county proof of your reason.
- If you do not agree with the county, you may ask for a State Hearing.

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME HERE

SIGNATURE

DATE

## GAIN PROGRAM NOTICE

### WHAT GAIN MEANS TO YOU

- GAIN stands for Greater Avenues for Independence. GAIN can teach, train and counsel you and help you find a job.
- Some of the things GAIN can do for you are:
  - Show you how to look for a job and teach you basic reading, math and English;
  - Help you with other educational or vocational/on-the-job training;
  - Help you get work experience.
- GAIN will help you arrange and pay for supportive services like child care and transportation, and other costs such as special tools or clothing you need to take a job. You may get advance payments if you need them. You won't have to use your cash aid to pay for supportive services.
- GAIN will tell you about kinds of child care and where to find child care.

matter how old your child is unless you have another reason to be exempt.

- Working at least 30 hours per week.
- Physically or mentally unable to work.
- 60 years old or older.
- Pregnant and the baby is due within six months.
- A VISTA volunteer.

- If you are a person who has no legal right to work in the United States, you will be excused from GAIN.

If you do not meet any of the listed reasons for being exempt or excused from GAIN, you may be required to go to GAIN. If you are required to go, you will get a notice that tells you when your first appointment will be.

- If you believe that you have a good reason for not participating, you should ask your worker to give you a form (GAIN 52) to use to make your request to be exempt from GAIN. You will be told if you can be exempt from GAIN.

- If you are 20 years old or older and are a parent or relative taking care of a child three to five years old, you will not be required to participate for more than 20 hours per week. This also applies to certain parents under age 20.

- There is a special target group made up of persons who:

- 1) have gotten AFDC during at least 36 months in the past 5 years; or
- 2) are parents under age 24 who are not in school with no high school diploma or who have little or no work experience; or
- 3) are members of a family in which the youngest aided child is 16 years old or older.

Persons in this target group get priority to be in GAIN before others. Persons in this group who ask to be in GAIN get priority over those who don't ask to be in GAIN.

### IF YOU ARE IN GAIN BUT DO NOT DO WHAT IS REQUIRED

- If you are required to be in GAIN:
  - You will have a chance to say why you did not do what you were required to do.
  - If you do not have a good reason, and you will not do what GAIN requires to fix the problem, your cash aid will be lowered.
- If you are not required to be in GAIN, but you asked to be in GAIN:
  - You will have a chance to say why you did not do what was asked.
  - If you do not have a good reason and you are not willing to do what GAIN requires to fix the problem, your cash aid will not be lowered, but you may not be allowed back in GAIN.

### WHEN YOU MUST BE IN GAIN

- You must be in GAIN if you apply for or get Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and you are not excused from participating.
- You don't have to be in GAIN if you are exempt. If you are eligible for the Cal-Learn Program, or if you got a high school diploma or its equivalent while you were in the Cal-Learn Program, some of these exemptions may not apply to you. For more information, contact your eligibility worker or Cal-Learn case manager. You are exempt if you are:
  - Under 16 years old.
  - 16, 17 or 18 years old and in high school or adult school full time unless you go to school as part of your GAIN Program.
  - Temporarily ill or have any injury that would keep you from working.
  - Living so far away from a GAIN activity that you can't take part. This means it takes more than two hours total travel time from your home to go to and from any GAIN activity, including orientation and appraisal. If you take public transportation, such as a bus, your travel time includes the time it takes you to walk to the bus stop, the time to transfer from one bus to another, and the time to walk from the bus stop to the GAIN activity location. Your travel time does not include the time you need to take children to and from child care. Your GAIN orientation/appraisal will be held at: \_\_\_\_\_
- Staying home on a regular basis to take care of someone in the household who can't take care of him/herself, and nobody else in the home is available to care for the person.
- A parent or relative taking care of a child under three years old. This exemption is available only once during a continuous period of eligibility. BUT if you are age 19 and do not have a high school diploma or General Educational Development Certificate (GED), you must be in GAIN no

When you get a job and go off aid, the county may be able to help you with child care (Transitional Child Care) for up to 12 months and you may also be able to get Transitional Medi-Cal for 12 months.

Even if you don't have to be in GAIN, you can ask to participate and you will be told if you can. You also have the right to ask to be excused from GAIN, or ask for services like child care and transportation, or to ask for any other service provided by the GAIN Program. You may ask your worker by phone or in person, or you may ask in writing.

You have the right to ask for a state hearing if you disagree with any of the decisions made by the county about participating in GAIN.

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

CASE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER ID NO. \_\_\_\_\_

WORKER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Ask your worker.

### GAIN EXEMPTION DETERMINATION

Based on the information we have:

- 1.  YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN GAIN BECAUSE YOU ARE EXEMPT. You can ask to volunteer to be in GAIN and you will be told if services are available.

Reason for Exemption: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- 2.  YOUR REQUEST TO BE EXEMPT FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE GAIN PROGRAM IS DENIED. THIS MEANS YOU MUST PARTICIPATE IN GAIN. You will get a notice from GAIN telling you when you must attend your GAIN orientation/activity.

Reason for Denial: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- 3.  YOU MUST PARTICIPATE IN GAIN BECAUSE YOU DO NOT MEET ANY OF THE REASONS FOR BEING EXEMPT FROM GAIN. You will get a notice from GAIN telling you when you must attend your GAIN orientation/activity.

**CONTACT YOUR WORKER IF YOU THINK THIS NOTICE IS WRONG. YOU MAY ALSO ASK FOR A STATE HEARING. "YOUR GAIN HEARING RIGHTS" FORM TELLS YOU HOW TO ASK FOR A STATE HEARING.**

SIGNATURE OF WORKER	PHONE NUMBER	DATE
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### YOUR GAIN HEARING RIGHTS

- You have the right to ask for a hearing if you disagree with any County decision regarding your status (standing) in GAIN, your GAIN activity, or your GAIN supportive services.
- Asking for a GAIN hearing will not affect your AFDC cash aid.
- You only have 90 days to ask for a hearing.
- The 90 days started the day after we gave or mailed you a notice.

### WHILE YOU WAIT FOR A HEARING DECISION

If you disagree with the County's decision about your GAIN status or your GAIN activity:

- You do not have to participate in GAIN.
- You cannot come into the GAIN program if we have told you we cannot serve you.
- You can keep going to an unapproved self-initiated program, but we will not pay you any GAIN supportive services or give you any other GAIN services.
- You can keep going or start going to an activity different from the one we referred you to if the activity is open to non-GAIN participants, but we will not pay you any GAIN supportive services or give you any other GAIN services.
- You cannot keep going or start going to an activity different from the one we referred you to if the activity is open to GAIN participants only.

To get any GAIN supportive services payments, you must go to the GAIN activity the County has asked you to go to.

If you disagree with the County's decision about your supportive services payments, and you attend your approved GAIN activity, the County will pay supportive services as follows:

- If we have told you your payments will be lowered, you will get the lower rate.
- If we have told you your payments will be made in a different form, you will be paid in the different form.
- If we have told you your payments will stop; you will not get any more payments, even if you go to your activity.
- If we have denied payments before the hearing, you will not get the requested payments.

If the amount of supportive services the County pays while you wait for a hearing decision is not enough, you can stop going to your GAIN activity.

You may get free legal help at your local legal aid office or welfare rights group, or from the CCWRO.

**Hearing File:** If you ask for a hearing, the State Hearing Office will set up a file. You have the right to see this file. The State may give your file to the Welfare Department, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. (W. & I. Code Section 10950).

### HOW TO ASK FOR A STATE HEARING

The best way to ask for a hearing is to fill out this page. Make a copy of the front and back for your records. Then, send or take this page to:

Your worker will get you a copy of this page if you ask. Another way to ask for a hearing is to call 1-800-952-5253. If you are deaf and use TDD, call: 1-800-952-8349.

### HEARING REQUEST

I want a hearing because of an action by the Welfare Department of \_\_\_\_\_ County about my

GAIN Status     GAIN Activity     GAIN Supportive Services

Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

Here's why:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Check here and add a page if you need more space.

I want the person named below to represent me at this hearing. I give my permission for this person to see my records or come to the hearing for me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I need an interpreter at no cost to me. My language or dialect is: \_\_\_\_\_

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

My Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

My signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR GAIN 52, 53 and 63 FORMS

NOTE: In these instructions, we refer to individuals who have applied for or receive AFDC but who have not yet attended a GAIN orientation as "AFDC applicants/recipients." We refer to individuals who have attended a GAIN orientation as "GAIN participants."

### GAIN 52 (6/95) GAIN EXEMPTION REQUEST (Required Form)

Counties shall provide this form to any AFDC applicant/recipient or GAIN participant who asks for the form in order to request a GAIN exemption determination. Copies of the GAIN 52 are to be kept on hand and given or mailed to individuals upon request.

Depending on whether the individual is an AFDC applicant/recipient or a GAIN participant, the GAIN 52 should be used as follows:

- a. Prior to giving or mailing the GAIN 52 to an AFDC applicant/recipient, the county shall indicate the orientation and appraisal location(s) that the applicant/recipient will be required to attend in the space at the end of item #4.
- b. Prior to giving or mailing the GAIN 52 to a GAIN participant, the county shall indicate the location of the GAIN activity that the participant is scheduled to attend in the space at the end of item #4.

### GAIN 53 (6/95) GAIN PROGRAM NOTICE (Required - Substitute Permitted with Prior CDSS Approval)

This form contains a brief description of the GAIN program, including participation requirements and exemption criteria. The form also tells the applicant how to ask for a GAIN 52 form in order to request an exemption. Counties must provide the GAIN 53 to all AFDC applicants, at the time of AFDC application, to inform them about the GAIN program. The county shall indicate the GAIN orientation and appraisal location(s) in the space at the end of the remoteness exemption description. If the appraisal is at a different site than the orientation, the county shall indicate both locations on the form.

When giving the GAIN 53 to the applicant, the county should point out that the form tells the applicant how he/she may ask for a GAIN 52 form in order to request a GAIN exemption.

If a county chooses to add a contact line to the notice in case the applicant has questions, it may be added without

Instructions for GAIN 52, 53 and 63 (continued)

advance approval from CDSS. This is the only change not requiring advance approval.

**GAIN 63 (6/95) GAIN EXEMPTION DETERMINATION**  
(Required - Substitute Permitted with Prior CDSS Approval)

Counties are required to complete an exemption determination and send a completed copy of the GAIN 63 to each AFDC applicant/recipient before sending the individual a GAIN 24 (GAIN Registration) form. This requirement applies whether or not the applicant/recipient requests an exemption via the GAIN 52 form.

**If no GAIN 52 was submitted by the AFDC applicant/recipient:**

The county must make its exemption determination based on any pertinent information available to the county, including the case record. If the individual is found to be exempt, the county shall check box #1 on the GAIN 63 and describe the reason for the exemption. If the individual is required to participate, the county shall check box #3.

**If the AFDC applicant/recipient or GAIN participant requests an exemption via the GAIN 52:**

The county must make its exemption determination based on the information provided by the individual on the GAIN 52 and based on any other pertinent information available to the county. If the individual is found to be exempt, the county shall check box #1 on the GAIN 63 form and describe the reason for the exemption. If the individual is required to participate, the county shall check box #2 and describe the reason for denying the exemption request.

The county shall not require that a GAIN participant who has requested an exemption determination sign a GAIN Participant Contract until the county has completed the exemption determination process and determined that the individual is not exempt.

A new form that advises GAIN participants of their right to request a State Hearing, the EP 5 (11/95) Your Hearing Rights, will be available to counties within a few weeks following receipt of this ACL. Until the EP 5 is available, counties should attach a copy of the GAIN 50 (1/95), Your GAIN Hearing Rights, to the GAIN 63 or preprint the GAIN 50 on the back of the form. Counties shall retain a copy of the GAIN 63 in the recipient's case file.

**Attachment 3**

**REMOTENESS EXEMPTION**

**DRAFT REGULATIONS**

Amend Section 42-760.4 to read:

**DRAFT**

42-760 GAIN REGISTRATION (Continued)

42-760

.4 The CWD shall provide a written notification of registration to nonexempt and volunteer individuals.

.41 The notification shall include:

.411 A general description of the GAIN program and the availability of job, training, education, and supportive services.

.412 The individual's rights, duties, responsibilities, and consequences of a failure or refusal to participate in the program.

.413 An explanation to the volunteer of the right to withdraw from participation without loss of AFDC benefits.

.42 The CWD shall not provide this written notification to the individual until the CWD has determined whether the individual is exempt, as specified in Sections 42-788 through 42-799. (Continued)

Authority Cited: Sections 10553, 10554, and 10604, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: Sections 10553, 10554, 11320.4(e), 11325(d) and 11325.2(d), Welfare and Institutions Code; 45 CFR 250.30(b)(5), 45 CFR 250.90, 45 CFR 250.94(a)(2), 45 CFR 250.95(b), and 45 CFR 250.97(f)(7).

Adopt Section 42-771.7 to read:

42-771 GAIN PARTICIPANT CONTRACTS (Continued)

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.7 CWDs shall require an individual who has requested an exemption from GAIN participation, as specified in Section 42-788.22, to sign a GAIN contract only when:

.71 The CWD has completed the exemption determination process, and

.72 The CWD has determined that the individual is not exempt from participation in GAIN.

Authority Cited: Sections 10553, 10554, and 10604, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: Sections 11325.2(c)(1)(B) and 11325.2(d), Welfare and Institutions Code; 45 CFR 250.30(b)(5) and 45 CFR 255.2(h).

Renumber Sections 42-788.2 et seq. and .3 to Sections 42-788.3 et seq. and .4 respectively and adopt new Section 42-788.2 to read:

42-788 EXEMPTIONS (Continued)

42-788

.2 Counties shall provide written notification of an exemption determination to the AFDC applicant or recipient:

.21 Prior to the date that the county sends a written notice of GAIN registration, as specified in Section 42-760.4; and

.22 Following receipt of a written request for an exemption from the individual.

.23 (Continued)

.231 (Continued)

.232 (Continued)

.2321 (Continued)

.24 (Continued)

Authority Cited: Sections 10553, 10554, and 10604, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: Sections 10553, 10554, 11310(b) and (c), 11320.4(a) and 11331.5(b), Welfare and Institutions Code; 45 CFR 250.30(a), (b)(5), and (c)(2); and 45 CFR 250.31.

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