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REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

[ ] State Law Change
[ ] Federal Law or Regulation Change
[ ] Court Order or Settlement Agreement
[ ] Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
[X] Initiated by CDSS

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 97-35

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: EXPIRATION DATES OF THE FOOD STAMP WORK REQUIREMENT WAIVER FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS (ABAWDS)

REFERENCE: ALL- COUNTY LETTER 97-23

This is to communicate State policy with regard to the duration of the waivers that have been received for the ABAWD's food stamp work requirement. The waiver for the 28 counties in Column A, Attachment I is effective from December 1, 1996 through March 31, 1998, consistent with the provisions of the initial waiver submitted by the California Department of Social Services for counties with unemployment rates that exceed 10 percent. The waiver for the 14 counties in Column B and the approved portions of the counties in Column C is effective from December 1, 1996 through August 31, 1997. This is consistent with the terms of the Governor's request for a time-limited expanded waiver to provide counties with an additional start-up/planning period.

The eligibility for food stamps is limited to three months in a three-year period unless the food stamp work requirement is met. The 36-month tracking period for ABAWDs who live in waived areas, and who are not exempt for another reason, begins the month after the waiver ends (September 1, 1997 or April 1, 1998). For non-exempt ABAWDs residing in areas that did not receive a waiver, the 36-month tracking period began December 1, 1996, or the first full month they become subject to the ABAWD work requirement, whichever is later.

If there are any questions, please contact your Employment Operations analyst at (916) 657-3403.

Sincerely,

Bruce Wagstaff

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Attachment

ATTACHMENT I

1997 ABAWD WAIVER

	A	B	C	D
	WAIVER	FULL	PARTIAL	NO
COUNTY	ENDS	WAIVER ENDS	WAIVER ENDS	WAIVER
	3/31/98	8/31/97	8/31/97	
ALAMEDA			x	
ALPINE		x		
AMADOR		x		
BUTTE		x		
CALAVERAS	x			
COLUSA	x			
CONTRA COSTA			x	
DEL NORTE	x			
EL DORADO				x
FRESNO	x			
GLENN	x			
HUMBOLDT		x		
IMPERIAL	x			
INYO		x		
KERN	x			
KINGS	x			
LAKE	x			
LASSEN	x			
LOS ANGELES		x		
MADERA	x			
MARIN				x
MARIPOSA		x		
MENDOCINO		x		
MERCED	x			
MODOC	x			
MONO	x			
MONTEREY	x			
NAPA			x	
NEVADA		x		
ORANGE			x	
PLACER				x
PLUMAS	x			
RIVERSIDE		x		
SACRAMENTO			x	
SAN BENITO	x			
SAN BERNARDINO		x		
SAN DIEGO			x	
SAN FRANCISCO				x
SAN JOAQUIN	x			
SAN LUIS OBISPO			x	
SAN MATEO			x	
SANTA BARBARA			x	
SANTA CLARA			x	
SANTA CRUZ		x		
SHASTA	x			
SIERRA	x			
SISKIYOU	x			
SOLANO		x		
SONOMA				x
STANISLAUS	x			
SUTTER	x			
TEHAMA	x			
TRINITY	x			
TULARE	x			
TUOLUMNE	x			
VENTURA		x		
YOLO			x	
YUBA	x			
TOTAL	28	14	11	5