DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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ALL COUNTY LETTER 97-52

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: EXCLUDED INCOME AND RESOURCES IN THE FOOD STAMP (FS) PROGRAM AND AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC) PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN OF VIETNAM VETERANS WHO ARE BORN WITH SPINA BIFIDA

Public Law (P.L.) 104-204, dated September 26, 1996, requires that allowances paid under that law to children of Vietnam veterans who are born with spina bifida be excluded from income and resources in determining eligibility for or the amount of benefits under any federal or federally assisted program. The statute provides for monthly allowances, based on the degree of disability suffered by the child.

The effective date of the monetary allowances will be October 1, 1997. Therefore, commencing with the month of October, such allowances are to be excluded from income and resource consideration in determining eligibility for or the amount of Food Stamp (FS) benefits and in determining eligibility for, or the grant amount of, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) benefits.

Manual Section (M.S) 63-507 will be revised in the immediate future for FS purposes to reflect the requirements of P.L. 104-204. M.S. 42-213.5 and M.S. 44-111.6 will also be revised for AFDC Program purposes.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Ernie Villalobos of the Food Stamp Program Bureau, Policy Implementation Unit, at (916) 657-1680. For questions regarding the AFDC Program, please contact Julie Lopes at (916) 654-1786.

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