

***APPOINTMENT OF HEARING AUTHORITY
AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY
TO ADOPT DECISIONS***

I, Rita Saenz, Director of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), appoint John R. Castello, Chief Administrative Law Judge of the CDSS State Hearings Division, as the hearing authority to hear and decide cases pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) §10950 for the CDSS and the California Department of Health Services (CDHS).

This appointment shall include the power to grant or deny rehearing requests for claims dismissed due to a party's nonappearance.

I delegate to John R. Castello my authority to act on proposed decisions for the CDSS and the CDHS. Pursuant to W&IC §10959, this delegation shall include the power to adopt proposed decisions, to issue alternate decisions, and to order further hearings.

I assign to John R. Castello the authority to delegate to all CDSS Administrative Law Judges I and II the power to adopt final decisions pursuant to W&IC §10966.

I also assign to him the authority to delegate to all CDSS Administrative Law Judges II (Supervisors and Specialists) the authority to act on proposed decisions pursuant to W&IC §10959, including the power to adopt proposed decisions, to issue alternate decisions, and to order further hearings.

This appointment and delegation shall be effective until withdrawn in writing.

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
RITA SAENZ ON AUGUST 12, 1999**

Date

RITA SAENZ, Director
California Department of Social Services