

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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To All Interested Parties:

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) adopted procedures on November 2, 1998 to issue Precedent Decisions. Attached is a copy of the Department's recently revised procedures.

In July 1997, the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) was amended to provide the CDSS the statutory authority to establish Precedent Decisions. In response, the CDSS established procedures to implement Precedent Decisions solely for the social services programs that are administered by the counties. They do not apply to licensing appeals to the Community Care Licensing Division, nor do they apply to the MediCal Program appeals from the California Department of Health Services.

These procedures provide counties, advocacy groups, the Department's staff and the public greater consistency in the administration of the Department's social services programs.

The State Hearings Division is responsible for implementing these procedures. All questions regarding the implementation of these procedures should be directed to Everett Leong, 744 P Street, M.S. 19-72, Sacramento, California 95814, or telephone (916) 229-4147.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rita Saenz".

RITA SAENZ
Director

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