

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 00-06

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS
CalWORKs PROGRAM COORDINATORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: VEHICLE EXCLUDED AS A RESOURCE WHEN USED TO
TRANSPORT A PHYSICALLY DISABLED FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD (FS HH)
MEMBER AND/OR CalWORKs EXCLUDED PERSON

The United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has reviewed its Food Stamp Program policy of excluding a vehicle as a resource when used to transport a physically disabled FS HH member. FNS has determined that a vehicle used to transport an ineligible HH member is to be excluded as a resource, even when the physically disabled HH member's resources are not considered available to the FS HH (e.g., Supplemental Security Income recipient).

Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) section 63-501.521(e) currently excludes a vehicle "necessary to transport a physically disabled HH member, including an excluded disabled HH member whose resources are being considered available to the HH." The federal policy change clarifies that the vehicle exclusion applies whether or not the disabled HH member's resources are considered available to the HH. Based on this change by FNS, counties are now to exclude from FS HH resources any vehicle needed to transport a physically disabled HH member regardless of whether the member's resources are considered available to the FS HH. In addition, counties are to exclude from the CalWORKs resource determination any vehicle used to transport a physically disabled individual whether or not the individual is included in the CalWORKs Assistance Unit.

This new policy is effective immediately. MPP section 63-501.521(e) will be revised to reflect this change.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Ernie Villalobos, Analyst, Food Stamp Program Bureau, Policy Implementation Unit at (916) 657-1680 or Dorette Pierce, Analyst, CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau at (916) 654-1867.

Sincerely,

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