

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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DSS ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-21-80

DHS LETTER NO. 80-6

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR STATE RENTER'S CREDIT**REFERENCE:**

AFDC - 44-111.3(k) (Amended)
42-213.2(x) (Adopted)
Food Stamps - 63-502.2(h) (Current)
63-501.11 (Current)
APSB - 47-413.2(s) (Amended)
47-711.2(h) (Adopted)
Medi-Cal - Article 9C, Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedural Manual
(Amended)

Senate Bill 925, effective January 1, 1980, permits public assistance recipients who rent to receive a State Renter's Credit of up to \$137 for tax year 1979. The credit is exempt from consideration as income and resources in AFDC, Medi-Cal, and APSB. For Food Stamps, the credit is exempt from consideration as income but is to be considered a resource. Revised regulations to exempt the credit from consideration as a resource in AFDC and APSB should be issued in March. Revisions to the Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedural Manual to exempt this credit will be issued in Manual Letter No. 24.

A stuffer notice (copy attached) is being sent with all March Medi-Cal cards to inform recipients that they may be eligible for the credit. The notice also informs recipients that they must report the receipt of the Renter's Credit, just as they report other income.

The Renter's Credit is available either as a credit against income tax due, or a cash payment in the absence of a tax liability. The tax refund check itself does not break out the amount of the Renter's Credit. The best way to determine the actual amount of the credit is to review a copy of the completed Individual Income Tax Form 540, Line 53 or the Renter's Credit Claim Form 540 RC.

In addition, money received from the Franchise Tax Board through the Renter's or Homeowner's Assistance Program (which affects the disabled, the blind, and persons 62 or more years old), and the Senior Citizen's Property Tax Postponement Program are treated in the same way as the Renter's Credit.

If you have any questions about the Renter's Credit, Homeowner's Assistance Program or Senior Citizen's Property Tax Postponement, please contact your Program Management Consultant:

AFDC -	(916) 445-4458
Food Stamps -	(916) 322-5475
APSB -	(916) 322-6636

or your Medi-Cal Field Representative (916) 445-1797 or 445-1912.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Kyle S. MCKinsey, Chief
Welfare Programs Operations
Department of Social Services

Original signed by

Doris Z. Soderberg, Chief
Eligibility Branch

Medi-Cal Care Services Division
Department of Health Services

Attachment

cc: CWDA

DO YOU RENT?

If you rent, you may be eligible to receive a renter's credit of up to \$137. This is the result of a new law which permits renters to get the renter's credit even though they receive public assistance. You may file for this credit even if you have no State income tax due. Although you will have to report the amount of this credit when you receive it, your AFDC, SSI, or Medi-Cal benefits will not be affected. However, if you are receiving food stamps this credit will be counted toward your total resources for the month you receive it.

HOW TO APPLY

To see if you are eligible, get a Form 540RC and follow the instructions on it. To get a Form 540RC, put your name and address here:

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

Enclose this card in an envelope and mail it to: Franchise Tax Board, Forms Request Unit, Sacramento, CA 95867.

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