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GENERAL RELIEF PROGRAM GUIDE LETTER NO. 30

SUBJECT: REVISED CHAPTER 90-050, CONFIDENTIALITY

Effective Date: Upon Receipt

1. Purpose

This letter is to issue a revised chapter on confidentiality requirements.

2. Background

All-County Information Notice I-10-99 notifies counties that they may release to the California Community Colleges the names and addresses of relatives caring for dependent children so that the colleges may offer training opportunities to these relatives.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has become aware that counties are concerned that releasing the identities of relative caregivers of foster care children to community colleges violates confidentiality. CDSS has determined that confidentiality laws do not prohibit this sharing of information.

Additional chapter revisions reflect name changes due to agency restructuring.

3. Changes

All changes are marked with a vertical lateral line to the right of the text.

- California Community Colleges added to list of “No Authorization for Release of Information Required”.
- All references to “DSS” changed to “HHSa”
- “Program, Policy Development Division” changed to “Policy and Program Support Division”
- “DSS Media Coordinator” changed to “HHSa Public Information Officer”
- Subpoena requests now handled by Public Assistance Information Unit.

4. Automation

None

5. **Forms Impact**

None

6. **QC/Appeals Impact**

None

7. **Filing Instructions**

Remove

Entire Chapter 90-050

Replace with

Entire Chapter 90-050

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