

June 28, 2002

GENERAL RELIEF PROGRAM GUIDE LETTER NO. 38

SUBJECT: EXPANDED DEFINITION OF MENTAL SUFFERING IN ELDER ABUSE

Effective Date: Upon Receipt

References: ACIN I-111-00; W&I Code 15610.53

1. Purpose

This General Relief Program Guide (GRPG) Letter is to inform staff of the expanded definition of mental suffering in regard to elder abuse and to issue revised pages of the GRPG Chapter 90-850, Resources and Referrals.

2. Background

All-County Information Notice No. I-111-00 notified counties of several Assembly Bills (AB) and Senate Bills (SB), which impact the Adult Protective Services Program. One of the bills referenced, AB 1819, amends the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act by expanding the definition of mental suffering.

GRPG Chapter 90-850 contains a section on suspected abuse procedures for all workers as mandatory reporters. The types of elder abuse listed in this section include mental suffering, the definition of which has been changed.

3. Changes

Section	Change
90-850.8 through 90-850.11	Corrects a misspelling in the header of this section.
90-853.2.H.	Changes the definition of mental suffering.

4. Automation Impact

None.

5. Forms

None.

6. **Quality Control Impact**

None.

7. **Filing Instructions**

Remove the following pages of Chapter 90-850:	Replace with the following revised pages of Chapter 90-850:
5 through 10	5 through 10
15 and 16	15 and 16

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

JEAN VUKOTICH, Assistant Deputy Director
Other Assistance Programs
Policy and Program Support Division

JV:LJ:BP:bp