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## YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL AND TO A FAIR HEARING

You have the right to appeal any Departmental action or failure to act and to have a hearing if you are dissatisfied with the decision regarding your eligibility for RETROACTIVE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

At the hearing you can present to the Hearing Officer the reasons why you think the decision of the County Assistance Office is incorrect and present evidence or witnesses in your own behalf. You have the right to represent yourself or to have anyone represent you. A staff member of the County Assistance Office will refer you for free legal help upon request.

If you need an interpreter at the hearing because you do not speak English or you have limited understanding of English, or you have a hearing impairment, the Department will arrange for an official interpreter at no cost to you. You may bring a friend or relative to assist you at the hearing, but the interpreter provided by the Department will be the official interpreter. The Department will provide reasonable or special accommodations for you if you have a hearing impairment or other disability. You must make the request for an interpreter or other accommodation in advance of the hearing.

If you and your representative would like to meet with the County Assistance Office staff to discuss the matter informally or to present information which might change the decision regarding your eligibility for retroactive medical assistance, please call your worker. This will not delay or replace your hearing.

You must request a hearing within **30 days** of the mailing date of this notice. If your request is not postmarked or received within the **30-day** time limit, your appeal will be dismissed without a hearing.

## **HOW TO REQUEST A FAIR HEARING:**

To appeal and request a hearing for ASSISTANCE CHECKS, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE or SOCIAL SERVICES, you may call your worker; but, you must also put the appeal in writing as follows: (1) Fill out and sign one copy of this form. Give the reason for your appeal; and Give your telephone number; and Give your exact address; and (2) Mail or take this form to the CAO at the address on the front side of this form. To appeal and request a hearing for FOOD STAMPS, you may call your worker; or put the appeal in writing; or do both. If you put the appeal in writing, follow the instructions above.

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PLEASE CHECK BELOW IF YOU NEED HELP BECAUSE OF A HEARING PROBLEM OR A DISABILITY OR YOU NEED AN INTERPRETER:  I have a hearing impairment or a disability. Describe accommodations needed										
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