

Appendix 5 ■ State Hearing Notice: Your Right to Appeal This Decision

If you are dissatisfied with the action described in the attached Notice, you may request a State Hearing before an Administrative Law Judge at the State Department of Social Services. This hearing will be conducted in an informal manner to assure that everyone present is able to speak freely. If you decide to request a hearing, you must do so within 90 days of the date of the attached Notice.

If you ask for a hearing before the effective date of the action, your services may continue unchanged under certain circumstances until the hearing or until you receive your hearing decision.

Representation

You can represent yourself at the State Hearing. A friend, attorney or any other person can also represent you, but you are expected to arrange for the representative yourself. You can get help in locating free legal assistance by calling the toll-free number listed below for Public Inquiry and Response.

How To Request A State Hearing

You may request a hearing in writing. You may use the form on the other side of this statement. If you do not use this form, make sure you provide your NAME, ADDRESS, and PHONE NUMBER, along with a DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION with which you disagree. Please indicate that the action involves MSSP BENEFITS, and if you will need an INTERPRETER at the hearing, specify the language and dialect. Send your request to:

**Mail: California Department of Social Services
State Hearings Division
744 P Street, Mail Station 9-17-37
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Fax: (916) 651-5210 or (916) 651-2789

You may also request a hearing by calling the Public Inquiry and Response Unit.