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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 14484 -- Extension of certain temporary provisions under the Supplemental Security Income and Child Support programs.

This bill makes permanent the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) interim assistance reimbursement program; extends for one year the present statutory provisions governing food stamp eligibility of SSI recipients; and extends for one year Federal payments for certain State child support enforcement services.

SSI interim assistance - A temporary provision of the Social Security Act enacted in 1974 authorizes Federal-State agreements under which the State provides interim assistance to individuals while their applications for SSI benefits are being processed. Section 1 of H.R. 14484 will make this provision permanent.

Food stamp eligibility of SSI recipients - Section 2 of the bill will extend for one additional year, through June 30, 1977, temporary provisions of law (Public Law 93-223) which pertain to the food stamp eligibility of SSI recipients.

Federal matching for State child support costs for non-welfare recipients - Section 455 of the Social Security Act, which took effect in August of 1975, requires States to make services available to both recipients of Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) and non-welfare recipients for the determination of paternity and child support enforcement and collection. For AFDC recipients, these services are eligible for 75% Federal funding permanently, but for services to non-AFDC recipients, the Federal matching expired on June 30, 1976. Section 3 of H.R. 14484 will extend that matching for one year, until June 30, 1977.

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