

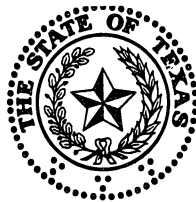
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REPLY TO BE ADDRESSED TO:

February 8, 1968

604 Lincoln
Robstown, Texas

Hector P. Garcia, M. D.
1315 Bright
Corpus Christi, Texas

RE: Mrs. Rosa Cisneros
530 East Avenue E
Robstown, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Thank you for your letter regarding Mrs. Rosa Cisneros. Since I am Mrs. Cisneros' caseworker, your letter of February 6, 1968 was delivered to my office by a friend of hers. I have set up an appointment with her in order that she may file her appeal, as you said she wishes to do.

From the content of your letter, I am sure that you are aware of the regulations that I must refer to in order to determine the amount of the grant and that these are ultimately determined by our State Legislature. To do anything but apply these rules to all clients alike would be very unfair. Our Agency rules state that we must apply the client's net income against the basic budgetable needs. Mrs. Cisneros has total income in the amount of \$206.80. This includes her Social Security grant, which we must also count. We are allowed to net her employment expenses from her employment earnings, thus leaving a total income of \$185.41. The budgetable needs for her group, which are set by State regulations, amount to \$223.00. This leaves a need for \$38.00 to be met by our Agency. We have encouraged Mrs. Cisneros to get better housing, as we could include another \$45.00 in her check to help with this. She has preferred to stay where she is and pay no rent. As regards to client being forced to work, Agency policy states that "An AFDC grant is to supplement the best efforts of the group toward employment". The reason for

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this is set forth in our Service Manual as follows:

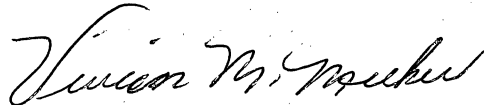
"The capacity for employment constitutes one of the most universal resources. Normally, it not only constitutes a tangible resource to be used in meeting financial needs, but also serves to enhance the employed individual's sense of dignity and self-respect. Particularly is this true with respect to AFDC, since this program is geared to temporary assistance and to a major extent has its focus upon rehabilitation."

We have talked with our client also about training programs that would enable her to raise her standard of employment. We hope she is still considering this.

I hope that this will help you to see that we are, to the best of our ability, being fair with our handling of Mrs. Cisneros' case. The amount of her grant and the reason that it was to be lowered was carefully explained to her at the time her case was reviewed.

If I can be of any further assistance, please call on me.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Vivian M. Meeker
PA Worker I

VMM:eo

cc: Mrs. Hugh R. Cook, Regional Director 018

Mrs. Sufarah G. White, Supervisor 018-08