

# **HEW eases some regulations**

HEW today issued revised social services regulations that ease some administrative requirements, and among other significant changes, permit States to use fees they receive for services to expand delivery of services.

Some of the other changes included in the regulations are:

- Eligibility for individuals with fixed incomes such as pensions, Social Security benefits, or SSI (Supplemental Security Income) may be redetermined on an annual rather than a semi-annual basis.

- Emergency shelter for an abused, neglected or exploited child may now be provided for 30 days every six months instead of 30 days each year.

- Indian tribes recognized by the Federal Government or States may be designated as public agencies for social services purposes.

Today's regulations also include the regulation issued December 21, in interim final form to implement amendments required by P.L. 94-401. Those amendments stated, among other things, that States may now offer social services to members of groups when at least three-fourths of the persons in the group have incomes not above 90 percent of the State median income, and that family planning services may now be provided to anyone who asks for them, without regard to income.