DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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ALL COUNTY LETTER 98-35

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
     ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

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SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) IMMUNIZATION AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS

REFERENCE: AB 1542 (Chapter 270, Statutes of 1997); ACL 97-70

The purpose of this letter is to transmit to the County Welfare Departments (CWDs) emergency regulations on the CalWORKs immunization and school attendance requirements. On October 28, 1997 the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) issued All County Letter (ACL) 97-70 which implemented the immunization and school attendance provisions of AB 1542. These provisions were effective January 1, 1998 and required all children, under the age of 6, in the assistance unit (AU) to receive all age-appropriate immunizations and all children in the AU, ages 6 through 17, for whom school attendance is mandatory to regularly attend school.

AB 1542 also required that regulations regarding these provisions be adopted no later than July 1, 1998. The attached emergency regulations are effective **June 1, 1998**. Also attached are additional questions and answers regarding these provisions, which subsequently arose during implementation, and updated Notices of Action (NOA) messages. Camera ready copies of the NOA messages in Spanish, Cambodian, Chinese, and Vietnamese may be obtained at a later date upon request from Language Services Bureau.

In addition, CDSS will issue further ACLs with emergency regulations for other provisions of AB 1542.

If you have any questions regarding these regulations, please contact Varaniece Hall at (916) 653-6161 or CALNET 454-6161.

Sincerely,

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Attachments