

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



July 1, 1998

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 98-45

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
 Federal Law or Regulation Change
 Court Order
 Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
 Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) GRANT STRUCTURE AND AID PAYMENT REGULATIONS

REFERENCE: Assembly Bill (AB) 1542 (Chapter 270, Statutes of 1997); ACL 97-59

The purpose of this letter is to transmit to the County Welfare Departments (CWDs) emergency regulations on the CalWORKs grant structure and aid payment. The attached emergency regulations (Attachment 1) were submitted to the Office of Administrative Law with an effective date of **July 1, 1998**.

These regulations reflect those policies previously stated in ACL 97-59 and provide the following additions or clarifications:

Section 44-101.612 - clarifies that disability-based unearned income includes private disability insurance benefits. Private disability insurance benefits include all employer-sponsored disability insurance benefits for which there is an employee contribution.

Section 44-111.22 - clarifies that income received from the College Work Study Program will continue to be exempted as income.

Section 44-207.112 - clarifies that the MBSAC is still used to determine financial eligibility for applicants, the value of in-kind income for the AU, the amount of income from a sponsor available to a sponsored alien, the period of ineligibility for non-qualifying withdrawals from restricted accounts and transfer of assets.

Section 44-316.9 - adds that the Zero Basic Grant applies in cases where the grant is reduced due to the imposition of penalties.

Section 44-402.7 - clarifies how the Reduced Supplement Payment (RISP) is calculated under the new grant structure, and that the 25% penalty, for failure to cooperate with the District Attorney in the child support process, is considered as available income in calculating the RISP payment.

Also attached are updated Notices of Action (NOAs) which have been numbered to reflect the corresponding regulation sections (Attachment 2). Counties should call the Forms Management Bureau at (916) 654-1907 or CALNET at 437-1907 for camera ready copies of any form, NA form, NOA message or suggested informing language in any language. However, counties that provided Language Services Bureau with a county contact and the specific languages (Spanish, Chinese, Cambodian, Vietnamese and Russian) will automatically be sent those languages as soon as the document (form/NA form/NOA message informing notice) is translated.

CDSS will also issue further ACLs with emergency regulations for other provisions of AB 1542. If you have any questions regarding the grant structure, please contact Cora Myers at (916) 654-2236 or CALNET 454-2236 and Marilyn Delgado at (916) 653-5830 or CALNET 454-5830 for questions regarding the treatment of income.

Sincerely,
Original Document Signed By
Bruce Wagstaff on July 1, 1998
BRUCE WAGSTAFF
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Attachments