# COUNTY NAME: CALAVERAS

CaIWORKs County Plan Addendum

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I hereby certify that County Board of Supervisors was briefed regarding the contents of this Plan addendum prior to submittal.

County Welfare Director's

**Signature** 

Mary R. Sawicki Printed Name

April 10, 2012 Briefing Date

This plan addendum is submitted pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10534.

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF CALAVERAS

2		STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
		April 10, 2012 (Date)		
3		(Date)		
5	CAI	OLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION TO THE LIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (CDSS) CALAVERAS WORKS AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY		
6	ÈST	HSA) ADDENDUM TO THE CALWORKS COUNTY PLAN ABLISHING THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) NDARD MILEAGE RATE AS THE MILEAGE		
7 8	REI TO-	MBURSEMENT RATE FOR THE CALWORKS WELFARE- WORK (WTW) PARTICIPANTS TRANSPORTATION PORTIVE SERVICES EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2012.		
9	WHEREAS, CDSS re	quires counties to submit addendums to the CalWORKs Plan to		
11	CDSS for approval regarding changes to the CalWORKs WTW Plan, and			
12	WHEREAS, per CDS	S All County Letter 08-41 requires the establishment by the county		
13	of a transportation reimbursement rate for CalWORKs WTW participants when participants us			
14	a personal vehicle to participa	te in WTW activities, and		
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16	WHEREAS, Calavera	s Works &Human Services Agency (CWHSA) has included		
17	guidelines in the revised the	ransportation Supportive Services section of the CalWORKs		
18	WTW Plan which states the t	ransportation reimbursement rate for WTW participants will be the		
19	IRS Standard Mileage Reimb	ursement Rate.		
<ul><li>20</li><li>21</li><li>22</li><li>23</li></ul>	NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County Calaveras approves the addendum to the CalWORKs Plan and authorizes the CWHSA to submit to CDSS establishing the transportation mileage reimbursement rate for WTW			
24	participants to be the Internal	Revenue Mileage Reimbursement Rate effective May 1, 2012.		
25	ON A MOTION by S	pervisor <u>Callaway</u> , seconded by Supervisor		
26	Wilensky , the f	oregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of		
27	Supervisors of the County of Calaveras, State of California, this day of April			
	2012 by the following vote:			

AYES: Supervisors Tofanelli, Wilensky, Callaway, Tryon and Spellman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk

County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, County of Calaveras, California

# Calaveras Works and Human Services Agency Addendum to the CalWORKs Plan

Effective May 1, 2012
TRANSPORTATION SUPPORTIVE SERVICES:
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE
[WIC Section 1053l (g)]

#### Mileage Reimbursement Rates

Authority: All-County Letter No. 03-15; 08-41; M.P.P. 42-750.11

Mileage reimbursement or advances to current CalWORKs clients will be calculated and paid as follows:

- 1. The CalWORKs client must be in an approved Welfare-To-Work (WTW) activity, including employment.
- 2. Transportation supportive services must be necessary for the CalWORKs client in order to participate in the program activity to which he or she is assigned or to search for, accept, or retain employment.
- 3. The CalWORKs client must meet all of the following criteria for use of a personal vehicle in order to be eligible for mileage reimbursement:

a. The vehicle must be registered to the CalWORKs client through the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

b. The vehicle must be currently insured with the appropriate vehicle insurance coverage.

c. The CalWORKs client must possess a current, valid California Driver's License.

d. The CalWORKs client's vehicle must be claimed as property in the CalWORKs client's benefits case.

- e. For those CalWORKs clients who make use of non-owned vehicles for WTW purposes, the following criteria must be followed for the use of a non-owned vehicle.
  - > Criteria for use of a non-owned vehicle:
    - The CalWORKs client must possess a current, valid California Driver's License, and
    - Provide a written statement from the registered vehicle owner that the CalWORKs client is required to reimburse the owner of the registered vehicle for use of the vehicle.
- 4. The CalWORKs client must submit documentation of the date(s) mileage reimbursement is requested for, the Welfare-To-Work activity (ies) involved, and the number of miles traveled.
- 5. Effective May 1, 2012, the county will pay the CalWORKs client at the established Internal Revenue Service (IRS) "standard mileage rate", based upon available federal and state funding allocations for participation in approved WTW activities.

a. The reimbursement rate will be reviewed no less than yearly by the County to ensure that the reimbursement rate reflects current regional market rates and covers necessary transportation costs. The County will update the reimbursement rate when appropriate, and will begin using the updated mileage reimbursement rate for CalWORKs participants at the time the rate is updated.

The County shall print these policies and the annual IRS "standard mileage rate" and make them available to CalWORKs clients whenever they request mileage advances or reimbursement and to members of the public upon request.

### <u>Use of Mileage Reimbursement Payments or Advances and Restrictions on Reimbursement for Other Costs of Maintaining and Operating a Motor Vehicle</u>

- 1. Mileage reimbursement payments are intended to be used to reimburse the CalWORKs client for operating and fixed costs such as:
  - a. Fuel;
  - b. Vehicle insurance;
  - c. Vehicle license fees;
  - d. Vehicle registration costs, including smog inspection;
  - e. Routine maintenance and tune-ups to include parts (belts, filters, fluids, spark plugs and wires, and similar items) and labor;
  - f. Oil changes;
  - g. Replacement of tires; and
  - h. Replacement of brakes, brake lines and brake pads.
- 2. In most circumstances, CalWORKs clients receiving mileage reimbursement are not eligible for separate supportive services payments or reimbursements for any of the items in #1, as these operating and fixed costs are covered within the mileage reimbursement rate. Such payments or reimbursements may be approved on a case-by-case basis when there is a demonstrated hardship or extenuating circumstances.
- 3. It is the responsibility of the CalWORKs client requesting reimbursement or payment for an item in #1 to provide information and/or documentation about the hardship or extenuating circumstances.
- 4. Any request for payment or reimbursement above the approved mileage reimbursement rate for an item listed in #1 shall be reviewed and approved or denied by a CalWORKs Employment and Training Supervisor, Program Manager, or designee. Case managers may not authorize such payments without the review and approval of one of the above-titled individuals.
- 5. The decision of the Employment and Training Supervisor, Program Manager, or designee is final. The case manager shall issue a Notice of Action to the client stating the decision on the payment or reimbursement request.
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- 5.Effective January 1, 2010 the reimbursement rate for travel when a participant uses a personal vehicle and is in an approved Welfare-to-Work activity will be calculated using a two-tiered system per ACL 08-41 dated September 29, 2008.
  - a. The two-tiered payment system is based on AAA.com average driving costs, the average costs for Calaveras County, and surveys of neighboring counties.
    - ➤\$.41 per mile driven up to 400 miles in a calendar month
    - →\$.25 per mile driven for 401 miles and above in a calendar month.

AAA -Average Driving Costs of small, medium and large sedan				
Gas-Costs				
Gas @\$3.00 avg cost per gallon /12 mpg		25 cents		
Fixed Operating & Ownership Cost				
Maintenance-oil changes, routine maintenance, normal wear &				
tear AAA.com avg cost per mile=	05 cents			
Tires-4 tires avg cost \$400 /25,000 miles per set =	02 cents			
Insurance Avg Annual cost \$600/10,000 miles per year =				
cost per mile	06 cents			
Annual license & registration, taxes=\$250.00 / 10,000 miles per				
<del>year =cost per mile</del>	03 cents			
Total Operating & Ownership Cost per mile		16 cents		
Total Cost per mile 41				

- b. The rate of \$.41 cents per mile is based on the fixed costs of \$.16 per mile plus an additional cost of \$.25 per mile for gas reimbursement for up to 400 miles driven per month. The rate of \$.25 per mile will be reimbursed for mileage over 401 miles per month.
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