

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY LETTER. NO. 00-23

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK
COORDINATORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL	
<input type="checkbox"/>	State Law Change
<input type="checkbox"/>	Federal Law or Regulation Change
<input type="checkbox"/>	Court Order or Settlement Agreement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: GREATER AVENUES FOR INDEPENDENCE (GAIN) PROGRAM
SANCTIONS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND
RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) WELFARE-TO-WORK (WTW)
PROGRAM

The purpose of this All County Letter (ACL) is to clarify the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) policy in regard to whether WTW sanctions imposed under the GAIN program are countable as instances of sanction under the CalWORKs WTW program.

While not specifically addressed in statute or regulations, it is the policy of CDSS that sanctions incurred by individuals under the GAIN program do not count as prior instances of sanction of noncompliance under CalWORKs (e.g., if an individual who had served a first or second sanction under the GAIN program and, subsequently was sanctioned under the CalWORKs WTW program, the current sanction would be a first instance sanction; it would not be counted as a second or third instance of sanction). It has been the past practice of the Department not to count previous sanctions as prior instances whenever there have been major program changes, such as the change from GAIN to CalWORKs. CDSS believes that this policy ensures equitable treatment of all participants in CalWORKs welfare-to-work activities, as well as encourages them to comply with program requirements and take the steps necessary to become self-sufficient.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter or have additional questions or issues concerning sanctions that were issued prior to the implementation of the CalWORKs WTW program, please contact Eric Norris, Employment Bureau, at (916) 654-0496.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By
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