

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



November 26, 2001

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 01-82

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: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS RELATING TO THE CalWORKs REGULATIONS AND POLICIES FOR THE MAXIMUM FAMILY GRANT RULE

REFERENCE: **ALL COUNTY LETTERS (ACL) 97-29 AND 00-78 AND ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) I-82-00**

This letter transmits a series of questions and answers pertaining to the implementation of the Maximum Family Grant (MFG) rule, which became effective September 1, 1997. This letter will provide clarification on several issues raised by the counties including the implementation of the Nickols v. Saenz Court Settlement, exemptions to the MFG rule, and determining for MFG purposes when a two-month break-in-aid occurs. Additionally, a few questions and answers previously provided in ACL 97-29 will be restated as these questions continue to be asked.

If you have questions about this letter or any other issue relating to MFG policy, please contact Elizabeth Allred of the California Work Opportunity and Responsibilities to Kids (CalWORKs) Eligibility Bureau at (916) 657-3350, fax her at (916) 654-1401, or e-mail her at [Elizabeth.Allred@dss.ca.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Allred@dss.ca.gov). If you have any questions regarding timeframe requirements for implementing the Nickols settlement, please contact Paulette Stokes at (916) 654-3386 or e-mail her at [Paulette.Stokes@dss.ca.gov](mailto:Paulette.Stokes@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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