

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 98-49

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) DIVERSION AND UNEMPLOYED PARENT DEPRIVATION REGULATIONS

REFERENCE: AB 1542 (Chapter 270, Statutes of 1997); ACL 97-65 and ACL 97-68

The purpose of this All County Letter (ACL) is to transmit emergency regulations to the County Welfare Departments (CWD) regarding the Diversion program and changes to unemployed parent deprivation under CalWORKs. On October 29, 1997, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) issued ACL 97-68 which implemented the Diversion program and ACL 97-65 which implemented changes to the unemployed parent deprivation provisions under AB 1542. These provisions were effective January 1, 1998.

DIVERSION

AB 1542 requires that each county have a Diversion program for applicants and that applicants also be notified of the availability of diversion services prior to approval of their CalWORKs application. Form CW 88 Notice and Agreement has been developed for this purpose and will be issued in the near future.

UNEMPLOYED PARENT DEPRIVATION

These regulations reflect those policies previously stated in ACL 97-65 and provides the following changes or clarifications:

Clarifies that a recipient family would remain eligible when the principal earner parent works more than 100 hours, if otherwise eligible. ACL 97-65 stated that a recipient child would remain eligible provided the family's income does not exceed the net or gross income limits.

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Deletes regulations regarding intermittent work because of the change to a “rolling” four-week period to determine if the applicant principal earner has worked less than 100 hours. Eliminates the readjustment period, work registration, Employment Development Department Job Search (EDD-JS) referral requirements, and good cause criteria as these areas either no longer apply or are not specific to unemployed parent deprivation.

AB 1542 also required that regulations regarding these provisions be adopted no later than July 1, 1998. The attached emergency regulations (Attachment A) were submitted to the Office of Administrative Law with an effective date of July 1, 1998.

Updated and new Notice of Action messages are included in Attachment B. 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 have 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.

If you have any questions regarding these regulations, please contact Linda Lattimore at (916) 653-4992.

Sincerely,
***Original Document Signed By
Bruce Wagstaff on July 2, 1998***
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Attachment

c: CWDA
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