

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 98-62

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
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: DISREGARD FOR DISABILITY-BASED UNEARNED INCOME TO CHILDREN FROM A DISABLED PARENT

The purpose of this letter is to provide further guidelines for the provision of the disability-based income disregard to children. Effective January 1, 1998, Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11451.5 was enacted to allow the \$225 disregard for disability-based unearned income including State Disability Insurance benefits, private disability insurance benefits, Temporary Workers' Compensation benefits, and social security disability benefits. When children receive income that is the result of a parent receiving disability-based unearned income, whether the parent is in or out of the assistance unit, the income to the child is considered disability-based and shall qualify for the \$225 family disability-based unearned income disregard. Social Security Survivor benefits do not qualify for the disability-based unearned income disregard.

All county welfare departments are required to identify any case where the disability-based unearned income disregard was not extended to children of a disabled parent, correct the case, and issue a corrective underpayment no later than October 1, 1998.

If you have any questions regarding the treatment of disability-based unearned income please contact Marilyn Delgado at (916) 653-5830 or CALNET 453-5830.

Sincerely,
Original Document Signed By
Bruce Wagstaff on August 6, 1998
BRUCE WAGSTAFF
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c: CWDA
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