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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

FROM: FRAN MUELLER Deputy Director Administration Division

SUBJECT: DEFERRED PAYMENTS IN FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2011-12

This letter provides information and direction regarding Senate Bill (SB) 82 (Chapter 12, Statutes of 2011), effective July 1, 2011, that amended California's Government Code (GC) sections 16325-16326 to renew authorization for the deferral of General Fund (GF) payments to counties.

Chapter 12, Statutes of 2011, authorize the potential deferral of all GF payments occurring in July 2011, October 2011, and March 2012, for no more than 60, 90, and 60 days, respectively. This deferral could occur a month earlier or later upon concurrence with the Controller, Treasurer, Director of Finance, and the state's 30-day notification to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. However, if the state has prudent cash reserves, any deferred payments could be made in-part or in-full as originally scheduled or within the deferred time period. This deferral authority does not affect counties with populations of less than 50,000.

Under the authority of Chapter 12, Statutes of 2011, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has been directed to defer the July 2011 GF payments to counties with populations of 50,000 or more in accordance with GC sections 16325-16326. This deferral will be provided to counties on or around September 2011.

The CDSS will continue to provide additional information and direction regarding the GF payment deferrals as it becomes available.

If you have any questions, please contact Didi Okamoto, Chief of the Fiscal Systems and Accounting Branch at (916) 657-3390.

c: County Welfare Directors Association