September 12, 2018

ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 18-106

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
    ALL CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
    ALL CALFRESH PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
    ALL COUNTY REFUGEE PROGRAM COORDINATORS
    ALL CONSORTIA PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CALWORKS): INCREASE TO TEMPORARY HOMELESS ASSISTANCE (HA) DAILY PAYMENT AMOUNTS

REFERENCE: ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 1811 (CHAPTER 35, STATUTES OF 2018); ACL NO. 06-25; ACL NO. 18-71; ACL NO. 18-78; MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (MPP) SECTION 44-211.525

The purpose of this letter is to inform County Welfare Departments (CWDs) that effective January 1, 2019, the daily rate for temporary HA will be increasing.

**Background/Current Law**

Temporary HA is available to homeless CalWORKs families to help pay for up to 16 consecutive days of temporary shelter, while the family is searching for permanent housing. (Note: applicants receiving AB 557 expanded HA benefits are exempt from the permanent housing search.) Current daily limits are $65 for a family with up to four people; the fifth and each additional family member each receives $15 a day, up to a daily maximum of $125.
**Change to Daily Limits**

The AB 1811 establishes that effective January 1, 2019, the daily amounts of temporary HA payments will be increased for a family with up to four members from $65 to $85 a day. Each additional family member will continue to get an additional $15 a day, up to a daily maximum of $145. This increase applies to all temporary HA, including AB 557 benefits for CalWORKs applicants fleeing domestic abuse (see ACL NO. 18-78) and AB 236 benefits for CalWORKs Family Reunification cases (see ACL NO. 18-71). All other HA provisions remain in effect.

**Contacts**

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Housing and Homelessness Bureau at (916) 651-5155 or housing@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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