The purpose of this letter is to inform County Welfare Departments (CWDs) of the release of the California Department of Education’s (CDE) Management Bulletin that includes a revised schedule of the income eligibility ceilings. This schedule can be used for former CalWORKs recipients receiving Stage One Child Care.

Background

Effective July 1, 2017, Education Code Section 8263.1(b) establishes ongoing income eligibility as a family’s adjusted monthly income at or below 85 percent of the State Median Income (SMI), adjusted for family size.

In accordance with Education Code Section 8263.1(c) the California Department of Finance annually recalculates the SMI, based on the most recent census data and pursuant to the formula set forth in this section, and provides these calculations to the CDE. The CDE in turn releases a Management Bulletin that includes a revised schedule of income ceilings set at 85 percent of the SMI, adjusted for family size.
Income Eligibility

Former CalWORKs recipients receiving Stage One Child Care will continue to remain income eligible for subsidized child care until their adjusted monthly income exceeds 85 percent of the SMI adjusted for family size. Effective July 2018, the revised schedule of income ceilings, set at 85 percent of the SMI, can be found in the CDE Management Bulletin 18-03.

The CWDs are encouraged to check the CDE website regularly for updated income ceilings and family fee schedules to accurately determine income eligibility and family fees for former cash aid recipients who receive CalWORKs Stage One Child Care. This information can be found on the CDE website at:

[Link to CDE Website]

Notice of Action (NOA)

As a reminder, the CalWORKs Stage One Child Care MPP Section 47-420.3, specifies that CWDs shall notify the client whenever there is an approval, denial, change, or discontinuance in the amount of subsidy paid by the county for child care.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Child Care Programs Bureau at (916) 657-2144.

Sincerely,

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