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Mr. Todd Bland, Deputy Director  
Welfare to Work Division  
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Dear Mr. Bland:

We are in receipt of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program plan amendment submitted by California Department of Social Services (CDSS) on December 23, 2014; the amendment adds the following program changes:

- As per the enactment of the legislation of Senate Bill (SB) 855, effective July 1, 2014, family stabilization services allow housing assistance to be provided any month a family is participating in family stabilization, if all other conditions of eligibility are met. (Page 2)
- Effective September 2014, twenty (20) counties were awarded a total of \$20 million dollars to operate a new Housing Support Program (HSP) for eligible CalWORKs recipients for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, as per the enactment of the legislation of Senate Bill (SB) 855. (Page 2)
- Due to the enactment of recent legislation, Assembly Bill (AB) 1468, which repealed the lifetime ban on individuals with prior felony drug conviction to be eligible for CalWORKs benefits. Effective April 1, 2015, no person will be denied aid because they have a prior felony drug conviction, if all other conditions of eligibility are met. (Page 3)
- Deletion of plan language regarding the requirement to submit one Semi Annual Eligibility Report once per year followed by redetermination from the time the annual redetermination is due. (Page 13)

We have reviewed your amendment and have incorporated it into your “complete” TANF Plan with an effective date of July 1, 2014.

Under section 402 of the Social Security Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services has authority to determine completeness of a state’s TANF plan. The Secretary lacks the authority to approve or disapprove a plan. Therefore, the determination of completeness should not be construed as an approval of any particular activity, or as a determination that any particular expenditure is an allowable use of TANF/MOE.

If you have questions, please contact Tracy Donovan, Program Specialist, at (415) 437-8424.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Fong', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Julie Fong  
TANF Regional Program Manager

cc: Ms. Kären Dickerson, Branch Chief, Welfare to Work Division