

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO: 01-75

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (APS)  
PROGRAM MANAGERS

**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: RESCINDED APS ALL-COUNTY LETTERS

REFERENCE: ACL No. 99-16 (March 26, 1999)  
ACL No. 99-53 (August 12, 1999)  
ACL No. 99-53 ERRATA (June 15, 2001)  
ACL No. 99-95 (December 17, 1999)  
ACL No. 99-98 (March 31, 2000)  
ACL No. 00-16 (February 28, 2000)  
ACL No. 01-18 (March 2, 2001)  
ACL No. 01-23 (March 26, 2001)  
ACL No. 01-40 (July 12, 2001)

This All-County Letter (ACL) provides a summary of ACLs that are no longer operative, and are rescinded due to the release of the new Division 33 Adult Protective Services (APS) regulations. Senate Bill (SB) 2199, Chapter 946, Statutes of 1998, allowed the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to implement the provisions of SB 2199 through ACLs until regulations were adopted.

Regulations in the CDSS Manual of Policies and Procedures, Chapter 30-800, Program No. 8, Protective Services for Adults, set forth the provisions for reporting physical or other abuse of an elder or dependent adult. The new regulations, transmitted in ORD# 0600-15, repeal the existing regulations in Chapter 30-800 and adopt a new Division 33. The Division 33 regulations, developed in cooperation with CDSS and the California Welfare Directors' Association, establish the processes, procedures and standards to implement the statutory requirements of SB 2199. The following is a summary of the ACLs that are rescinded:

## **RESCINDED ACL'S:**

### ACL No. 99-16 (March 26, 1999)

Provided an overview of the definitions and reporting requirements of SB 2199, basic implementation instructions, definitions added or changed as a result of SB 2199, and existing definitions relevant to the mandated reporting requirements of the APS program.

### ACL No. 99-53 (August 12, 1999)

Provided in-depth operational instructions on the 24-hour response system, cross-reporting requirements, instructions on the provision of emergency shelter and in-home protection, and defined the scope of APS.

### ACL No. 99-53 ERRATA (June 15, 2001)

This errata to ACL No. 99-53 provided a change in the policy relating to emergency shelter care and in-home protection services and the population provided this service.

### ACL No. 99-95 (December 17, 1999)

Provided detailed operational instructions for the APS case management function, which included assessment, service plan, monitoring, reassessment, case closure, and supervisory review and approval.

### ACL No. 99-98 (March 31, 2000)

Provided instructions for the changes authorized by the passage of SB 1003 which allowed counties to not conduct an immediate or 10-day in-person investigation on APS referrals under certain circumstances.

### ACL No. 00-16 (February 28, 2000)

Provided additional information and procedures regarding the authority to refer, cross-report, and investigate known or suspected abuse of an elder or dependent adult.

### ACL No. 01-18 (March 2, 2001)

Provided information and procedures for county APS agencies on confidentiality requirements, and instructions on the circumstances that permit the disclosure of confidential information and the persons and agencies to which that information may be disclosed.

### ACL No. 01-23 (March 26, 2001)

Notified county APS agencies that Senate Bill 1003, which allowed counties to not conduct an immediate or 10-day in-person investigation on APS referrals under certain circumstances, is no longer in effect as of January 1, 2001 and counties should no longer be implementing the provisions of this bill.

ACL No. 01-40 (July 12, 2001)

Provided additional information and procedures for county APS agencies regarding the intercounty transfer of APS cases, and the process for intercounty referral of closed cases.

**ACL'S STILL IN EFFECT:**

A number of ACLs relating to the APS program **remain in effect**. Those are:

ACL No. 99-48 (September 22, 1999)

Provides interim procedures for county APS agencies on emergency placement of an individual in a CDSS licensed facility. This ACL will remain in effect until regulations are developed, at which time this ACL will become obsolete.

ACL No. 99-51 (August 10, 1999)

Provides county APS agencies with the new SOC 242 form (Adult Protective Services and County Services Block Grant Monthly Statistical Report). The ACL provides definitions and instructions for completing the form.

ACL No. 00-37 (June 6, 2000)

Provides clarification, via a question and answer format, on completing the SOC 242. This ACL was developed as a result of numerous questions after the original form and instructions were transmitted, and issues raised during regional training sessions. In addition, this ACL transmits revisions to the form and instructions.

ACL No. 00-44 (July 10, 2000)

Provides APS agencies and mandated reporters with a revised SOC 341 (Report of Suspected Dependent Adult/Elder Abuse) and instructions for completion. This form was revised due to the provisions of SB 2199 and changes made by the CDSS to accommodate the needs of County Welfare Departments, mandated reporters and other government agencies.

**ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICES (ACINs):**

It should be noted that all ACINs for the APS program remain in effect.

If you have any questions regarding this ACL, please contact your assigned analyst in the Adult Protective Services Bureau at (916) 229-0323.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By  
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