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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-33-15

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK COORDINATORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS
ALL CONSORTIA MANAGERS

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) STATE
PLAN 2013 CERTIFICATION

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

On November 5, 2014, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) informed the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) that California’s 2013 TANF State Plan was certified and that the state continues to qualify as an “eligible state” under the TANF Program.

Federal regulations provide that in order for a state to remain eligible to receive TANF funds for a fiscal year, the state must submit to the Secretary of Health and Human Services a new plan on a biennial basis. Federal funding for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program is based on being an eligible state.

The changes in the 2013 TANF State Plan are as follows:

- Section A, subsection i: Added language to clarify that a reduction in aid may occur if an adult has exhausted the 24-month time clock and is not meeting federal work participation requirements.
- Section A, subsection i: Moved language regarding TANF funds allocation to the California Student Aid Commission for the purpose of funding Cal Grants to page 17 of the state plan.
- Section A, subsection i: Added new requirement effective January 1, 2014, reflecting that Non-Maintenance-of-Effort (MOE) funding structure will be used to fund certain services and costs.
- Section A, subsection i: Added Work Incentive Nutritional Supplement (WINS) program, effective January 1, 2014.

- Section A, subsection i: Added new language describing the Family Stabilization program available to CalWORKs participants, effective January 1, 2014.
- Section A, subsection ii: Removed the language describing the changes Senate Bill 72 made to the Assembly Bill 98 subsidized employment program, effective March 24, 2011.
- Section A, subsection ii: Removed the language allowing welfare-to-work activities to be counted as core activities for mental health, substance abuse and domestic violence treatment hours and/or classroom activities hours under certain conditions.
- Section B, subsection iii: Added a new section implementing an AB 419 requirement that a child who is a patient in a public/private hospital for medical or surgical care will be considered absent from the home for duration of the hospital stay.
- Section B, subsection iii: Added a new section implementing an AB 6 requirement replacing the current Quarterly Reporting/Prospective Budgeting system with a Semi-Annual Reporting (SAR) system for the CalWORKs program.
- Section B, subsection iii: Removed the language that the Department of Education will administer after school programs created through partnerships between schools and local community resources for elementary, middle, and junior high schools statewide.
- Section B, subsection v: Added a new subsection (v) to include the new federal requirement for states to outline how it plans to prevent TANF assistance from being used in any electronic benefit transaction in adult-oriented establishments.

The certified 2013 TANF State Plan is available on the CDSS website at:
<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/PG152.htm>

Please contact your CDSS Employment Bureau county consultant at (916) 654-2137, if you have questions or need additional information regarding the information in this letter.

Sincerely,

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