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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 13-16

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

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

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) PROGRAM: RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS

REFERENCE: Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 11450 AND 11155.2, All County Information Notice (ACIN) I-59-11, Senate Bill (SB) 1341 (Chapter 485, Statutes of 2008)

The purpose of this letter is to transmit final amended regulations (Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) sections 42-213 and 44-211) relative to restricted accounts. These manual sections were amended due to the enactment of SB 1341 (Chapter 485, Statutes of 2008). The relevant provisions of SB 1341 were initially implemented through ACIN I-59-11, dated October 12, 2011. The attached final regulations were approved by the Office of Administrative Law, filed with the Secretary of State on November 1, 2012, and became effective on December 1, 2012. These updated regulation pages and the accompanying Eligibility and Assistance Standards (EAS) manual letter 1203 are posted on the internet at:

<http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/ord/PG2836.htm>.

SB 1341 made changes to allow recipients to spend funds held in a restricted account to help pay for costs associated with securing permanent rental housing or to pay for rent arrearages to avoid becoming homeless. In addition, any savings that are held in a restricted account are now exempt from being counted toward the \$100 limit when determining eligibility for special needs payments.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your CalWORKs county consultant directly or call the CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau at (916) 654-1322.

Sincerely,

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