

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



July 22, 2002

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-39-02

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISORS  
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

SUBJECT: WRAPAROUND AND CalWORKs ELIGIBILITY

REFERENCE: WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE  
SECTIONS 18250 – 18256  
ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) NO. 1-28-99  
COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 01 / 02-32  
DATED OCTOBER 5, 2001

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

The purpose of this notice is to provide clarification to counties regarding the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program eligibility for families receiving Wraparound services.

The Wraparound program was created to provide family-centered, strength-based alternatives to group home placement in California. Upon the approval of the California Department of Social Services, counties are permitted the flexible use of State foster care funds to provide intensive, individualized services to eligible children and their families. The goal of providing these Wraparound services is to strengthen the family and allow children to remain with or return to their families.

In Wraparound, the foster care maintenance payment that would traditionally be made to a group home on behalf of the child is instead utilized by the county or a designated provider to provide intensive services to the family. The payment does not go to the child's family nor is it used to provide for that child's daily basic needs. Therefore, when a family receiving CalWORKs has a child living in the home who is in the Wraparound program, the foster care payment is not considered a duplicate aid payment. Consequently, the family can continue to receive their CalWORKs payment, with the child included in the assistance unit, provided all other eligibility requirements are met. In some instances, the family may receive a lump sum cash payment or items of need through the Wraparound program. These lump sum payments

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or items of need should be regarded as income or resources in the month received, and to the extent that they are retained, resources when determining eligibility in subsequent months.

For questions regarding the Wraparound program, please direct your inquiries to Cheryl Treadwell, Manager, Integrated Services Unit at (916) 445-2890. If you have questions regarding CalWORKs aid payments, please direct your inquiries to Bev Skillicorn at (916) 654-1068. For questions regarding resources, please direct your inquiries to Rosie Avena at (916) 654-1514. For questions regarding lump sum cash payments, please direct your inquiries to (916) 654-1322.

Sincerely,

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Sylvia Pizzini*

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Children and Family Services Division

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