

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



June 18, 2004

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-41-04

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTSSUBJECT: COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) FOR THE MAXIMUM AID  
PAYMENT (MAP) AND THE MINIMUM BASIC STANDARD OF ADEQUATE  
CARE (MBSAC) LEVELS IN THE CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES TO KIDS (CalWORKs) PROGRAM

REFERENCE: WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTIONS 11450 AND 11453

The purpose of this letter is to provide information regarding the anticipated CalWORKs COLA for the 2004 state fiscal year which is due to be effective July 1, 2004. Due to budgetary constraints facing California, the Governor's proposed budget proposes to suspend this year's COLA in an effort to help balance the State's deficit. In addition, the Governor's proposed budget and current introduced legislation would permanently make October 1<sup>st</sup> each year the effective date for the CalWORKs COLA.

The Governor's budget assumes that legislation will pass suspending the COLA prior to the July 1, 2004 effective date, in which case current MAP and MBSAC levels for the CalWORKs program will remain at the current levels. However, if no legislation or budget is passed authorizing the suspension of the July 1, 2004 COLA, county welfare departments will be provided with implementation instructions as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Vince Toolan at (916) 654-1808.

Sincerely,

**Original signed by**  
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c: CWDA  
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**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

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