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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

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK COORDINATORS
ALL TRIBAL TANF ADMINISTRATORS
ALL TRIBAL CHAIRPERSONS

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) AND CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) 60-MONTH TIME LIMIT EXEMPTION FOR CalWORKs RECIPIENTS LIVING IN INDIAN COUNTRY WHERE THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS FIFTY PERCENT OR HIGHER

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) 08-28E, ACL 07-25, ACL 06-23, ACL 05-16, ACL 04-20, ACL 03-37, AND ACL 02-91

This letter transmits the calendar year 2008 list of California Tribal Reservations and Rancherias that have provided information on unemployment rates of fifty percent or higher for the TANF and CalWORKs 60-month time limit exemption for those individuals living in Indian Country.

As provided in state regulations, Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Section 42-302.21(h), counties are required to exempt from the state and federal 60-month time limit any month in which an individual is on aid and lives in Indian Country or an Alaskan Native Village, where the unemployment rate is fifty percent or higher. In an effort to assist the counties in applying this time limit exemption, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) contacted the Tribal Reservations and Rancherias throughout California and obtained their unemployment rates.

The attached chart shows the Tribal Reservations and Rancherias that responded to CDSS' request and listed their unemployment rate as fifty percent or higher during 2008. Individuals who lived in these areas qualify for the time limit exemption during this year. If an individual lived in Indian Country in an area not listed on the attachment, the individual or the county can obtain substantiation from a Native American Tribe that the individual lived where the unemployment rate was at least fifty percent, that individual will also qualify for this time limit exemption.

Counties are reminded that CalWORKs applicants and recipients must be informed of all time limit requirements, including the process to claim exemptions as set forth in MPP Section 42-302.3, and must be provided information on their time on aid at specific intervals as required in MPP Section 40-107(a)(4). Those counties in which a Tribal TANF program operates may need to provide verification of clients' CalWORKs time on aid, including any time limit exemptions, to the Tribal TANF Program Administrator. The Tribal TANF Program Administrator will notify their clients of their remaining time on aid for purposes of the TANF 60-month time limit.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need additional information regarding the 60-month time limit, please contact your CalWORKs County Consultant at 916 654-1322.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

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Welfare to Work Division

Attachment

**TRIBAL RESERVATIONS AND RANCHERIAS THAT QUALIFY FOR THE
TANF AND CalWORKs 60 MONTH TIME LIMIT EXEMPTION IN 2008 DUE TO
THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**

RESERVATION / RANCHERIA	ZIP CODE	COUNTY
Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria	95551	Humboldt
Big Pine Paiute Tribe (BPPT)	93513	Inyo
Big Sandy Rancheria	93602	Fresno
Big Valley Rancheria	95453	Lake
Bridgeport Indian Colony	93517	Mono
California Valley Miwok Tribe	95212	San Joaquin
Campo Band Mission Indians/Campo Kumeyaay Nation	91906	San Diego
Cedarville Rancheria	96101	Modoc
Cher Ae Heights Indian Community of Trinidad Rancheria	95570	Humboldt
Cold Springs Rancheria	93667	Fresno
Cortina Indian Rancheria/Wintun Tribe	95987	Colusa
Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians	95470	Mendocino
Elem Indian Colony/ Elem Pomo Tribe	95423	Lake
Hoopa Valley Tribe	95546	Humboldt
Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel	92070	San Diego
Inaja Cosmit Band of Mission Indians	92025	San Diego
Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of Stewarts Point Rancheria	95403	Sonoma
Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation	93545	Inyo
Manchester Point Arena Band of Pomo Indians	95468	Mendocino
Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria	95926	Butte
Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians	95963	Glenn
Resighini Rancheria	95548	Del Norte
Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians	92082	San Diego
Sherwood Valley Rancheria	95490	Mendocino
Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe of Benton Paiute Reservation	93512	Mono
Woodfords Washoe Community Council	96120	Alpine
Yurok Tribe	95548	Del Norte