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ALL COUNTY LETTER: 10-30

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS  
ALL COUNTY CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs)  
– TIME ON AID TRACKING CHANGES FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR  
NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) TIMED-OUT CASES (AID CODES 32 AND 3W)

REFERENCE: COUNTY FISCAL LETTER 09-10/19

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

This letter is to provide counties with an update on changes to be made to the time on aid tracking system to properly track the TANF 60-month time limit. As a result of a 2007 program review by the Office of the Inspector General and subsequent direction from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), California's interpretation of the TANF hardship rule, and funding and claiming instructions were modified in 2009 in order to avoid a federal penalty. The state submitted a corrective compliance plan (CCP) and changed funding for aid codes 32 and 3W to state-only funding. [See County Fiscal Letter (CFL) 09/10-19 dated 9/30/09 for funding and claiming instructions]. These funding and claiming changes require a change in the state's time on aid tracking system as well.

Currently, Tracking Recipients Across California (TRAC) ticks the TANF clock as federally funded months for TANF timed-out adults (hardship cases). Because of the claiming changes that were made to comply with the CCP, and in order to be consistent with CFL 09/10-19, Welfare Data Tracking Implementation Project staff are working to change the funding and claiming descriptions of aid codes 32 and 3W to specify that these cases are now funded with state funds. This change will also stop the ticking of the TANF clock as part of the federal 20 percent hardship caseload. Counties and the automation consortia are instructed to take all necessary steps to ensure that TRAC accurately reflects that these aid codes were not ticked as TANF months retroactive to October 2009.

If you have questions or need additional information regarding this letter, please contact your CalWORKs county consultant, or call the CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau at (916) 654-1322 for further assistance.

Sincerely,

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