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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 13-97

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CALFRESH PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS
(CaWORKs) CHANGES TO ASSET LIMITS FOR FAMILIES THAT INCLUDE
ELDERLY OR DISABLED HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

REFERENCE: WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS (W&I) CODE SECTIONS 11155.2 & 11257,
MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (MPP) SECTIONS 42-207.2 and
44-340, ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) Nos. I-62-11 AND
I-62-11E, AND ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) No. 13-26.

The purpose of this ACL is to notify County Welfare Departments (CWDs) of changes to the maximum asset limit for CalWORKs families in which there is an elderly or disabled household member. CalWORKs families are allowed to retain countable resources in an amount equal to the amount allowed by the CalFresh program regulations. Currently, CalWORKs regulations at MPP Handbook Section 42-207.2 identify the asset limit to be \$3,000 for households in which at least one Assistance Unit (AU) member is age 60 or older, or disabled. In October 2011, the Food and Nutrition Service increased the asset limit for CalFresh households in which there are elderly and disabled members to \$3,250. In order to maintain maximum compatibility between the programs, CalWORKs is also adopting the increased property limit for families in which there is a disabled member or person age 60 or over.

CWDs must make this change immediately. In addition, if CWDs find that an AU was denied cash aid or has had their cash aid discontinued as a result of exceeding the \$3000 asset limit, the CWD must re-evaluate eligibility for the AU and restore any benefits that would have been authorized under the increased asset limit as of October 2011. Additionally when re-reviewing resource eligibility for previously discontinued or denied cases with an elderly or disabled member, if the CWD has collected or is currently collecting an overpayment (OP) based on

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

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excess resources for AUs fitting this description for any period after September 30, 2011, it shall review the case to determine if the AU was actually under the \$3,250 resource limit, and if so, immediately cancel the OP and return any funds collected pursuant to MPP Section 44-340. CDSS is in the process of amending the regulations to reflect the new asset limit.

CDSS apologizes for the delay in providing these implementation instructions. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau at (916) 654-1322.

Sincerely,

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