

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



June 13, 2007

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 07-23

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
 ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
 ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS
 ALL COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS
 ALL COUNTY CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS
 (CalWORKs): COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) INCREASE TO
 THE MINIMUM BASIC STANDARD OF ADEQUATE CARE (MBSAC)
 LEVELS

REFERENCE: WELFARE & INSTITUTIONS (W&I) CODE SECTIONS 11450, 11452,
 and 11453

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

MBSAC INCREASE

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of an increase to the CalWORKs MBSAC levels effective July 1, 2007. W&I Code Section 11453 provides that the CalWORKs MBSAC levels shall be adjusted annually to reflect any increases or decreases in the cost of living. This COLA increases the MBSAC and Income In-Kind levels by 3.7 percent. The new MBSAC levels are to be used in determining applicant financial eligibility for those families that apply for CalWORKs on or after July 1, 2007.

The Governor's Budget proposes to suspend the Fiscal Year 2007-08 CalWORKs Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) COLA. If the final budget will allow for an annual MAP COLA, the Department will provide the adjusted MAP levels at that time. Until that time, the MAP COLA is presumed to be suspended.

The new CalWORKs MBSAC Payment Standards Chart for Region 1 and 2 is included as an Enclosure and is provided to assist in implementing these changes. New Income In-Kind levels are included in this chart as these amounts also increased as a result of the MBSAC COLA. The new Income In-Kind levels shall be implemented beginning August 1, 2007.

REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE (RCA) AND TRAFFICKING AND CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TCVAP)

These implementation instructions for the MBSAC COLA and the Income In-Kind changes shall also apply to RCA and TCVAP applicants and recipients.

CONTACTS

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this ACL please contact your CalWORKs county consultant at (916) 654-1322. For questions regarding RCA and TCVAP, please contact Ms. Lynne Reich in the Refugee Programs Bureau at (916) 654-7327.

Sincerely,

**Original Document Signed By
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Enclosure

c: CWDA
CSAC