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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 08-27

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 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

MBSAC INCREASE

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of an increase to the CalWORKs MBSAC levels effective July 1, 2008. 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 year's COLA increases the MBSAC and Income In-Kind levels by 5.26 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, 2008.

The Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) COLA has been delayed until October 2008. Final instructions regarding the MAP levels for October 2008 forward will be issued in a separate letter once the Governor's Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09 has been enacted.

The new CalWORKs MBSAC Payment Standards Chart for Region 1 and 2 is enclosed to assist in implementing these changes. New Income In-Kind levels are included in this chart as these amounts also increase as a result of the MBSAC COLA.

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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. Jeanette Robbins in the Refugee Programs Bureau at (916) 653-8980.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By
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Enclosure

c: CWDA
CSAC

CalWORKs PAYMENT STANDARDS
Effective July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Region 1

Assistance Unit Size	MBSAC 1/	Housing	Utilities	Food	Clothing
1	532	239	51	132	40
2	872	321	57	282	79
3	1,080	351	60	360	117
4	1,282	367	63	446	156
5	1,464	367	63	540	196
6	1,645	367	63	625	234
7	1,807	367	63	697	276
8	1,969	367	63	762	307
9	2,135	367	63	838	354
10	2,318	367	63	905	388
More than 10	Add \$20 for each extra person				

Region 2

Assistance Unit Size	MBSAC 1/	Housing	Utilities	Food	Clothing
1	504	229	51	132	40
2	828	304	57	282	79
3	1,026	334	60	360	117
4	1,220	351	63	446	156
5	1,392	351	63	540	196
6	1,565	351	63	625	234
7	1,717	351	63	697	276
8	1,873	351	63	762	307
9	2,025	351	63	838	354
10	2,204	351	63	905	388
More than 10	Add \$20 for each extra person				

1/ The MBSAC reflects the California Necessities Index (CNI) rate of 5.26 percent for FY 2008-09.