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July 2, 1998

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 98-47

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPERTY AND TRANSFER OF ASSETS PROVISIONS - CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) PROGRAM

REFERENCE: AB 1542, Chapter 270, Statutes of 1997 All County Letter (ACL) 97-66

The purpose of this letter is to provide counties with implementation instructions for the following CalWORKs program areas: personal property, vehicle valuation, resource limits and transfer of assets. AB 1542 authorized the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to implement the statute initially through the All County Letter (ACL) process in order to meet the January 1, 1998 implementation date. On October 29, 1997, CDSS issued ACL 97-66 which implemented these provisions. AB 1542 required that regulations regarding these provisions be adopted no later than July 1, 1998. The emergency regulations have been filed with the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and are effective **July 1, 1998**.

These regulations differ from the original implementing ACL in the following areas:

- C Original Aid to Families with Dependant Children (AFDC) real property regulations are retained, and only the regulations relating to personal property and vehicles are deleted. (The original ACL deleted all AFDC property regulations.)
- C Reference to "intent" to transfer assets is deleted, to conform with the provisions of AB 1542. (The original ACL incorrectly stated that AB 1542 prohibits recipients from transferring assets "in order to qualify for aid.")

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C The period of ineligibility (POI) for a transfer of assets will be based on the amount of property that would have exceeded the property limit if the property had been transferred at its fair market value. (The original ACL stated that the entire fair market value of the property was to be used to compute the POI.)

NOTICES OF ACTION/INFORMING LANGUAGE

Notice of Action (NOA) messages and informing language have been revised and will be provided under a separate letter.

CONTACTS

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need additional information, please contact Eugene Essex at (916) 654-3062.

Sincerely, Original Document Signed By Bruce Wagstaff on July 2, 1998 BRUCE WAGSTAFF Deputy Director Welfare to Work Division

c: CWDA CSAC