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CDSS ACL 00-12 -- February 7, 2000 (Synopsis): CalWORKs Supportive Services

CalWORKs Supportive Services**Reference: ACIN I-70-99**

Per ACIN I-70-99, counties are required to provide supportive services that are necessary for recipients to participate in WTW activities. Per MPP §42-750.11, if necessary supportive services are not available, the individual shall have good cause for not participating in the WTW activity.

In *Crary v. McMahon*, counties were prohibited from establishing caps or limits on supportive services. State statute still does not permit counties to cap or limit supportive services.

In cases where a recipient has reached the 18 or 24 month time limit and is participating in community service, the county is required to provide child care and has the option to provide other supportive services. If the county chooses not to provide other supportive services in this circumstance and the supportive service is a necessary service, the participant would have good cause for not participating.

While capping necessary supportive services is not permitted, the county may establish a secondary review of proposed service costs beyond a predetermined level of expenditures. Thus the county could establish a set amount that staff may authorize for supportive services and then require a secondary review by a higher level person such as a supervisor if the cost of supportive services exceeds that predetermined level.

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CDSS ACL 00-09 -- January 10, 2000 (Synopsis): Kin-GAP Program

Kin-GAP Program**Reference: ACINs I-27-99, I-40-99; ACLs 99-92, 99-97**

This ACL provides information on how counties are to implement the Kin-GAP program. There are no Kin-GAP regulations at present. The CDSS is implementing the Kin-GAP program through ACLs until regulations become effective, which is no later than July 1, 2000.

The Kin-GAP program is available only to those children exiting the juvenile court dependency system on or after January 1, 2000 to live with a related legal guardian. To be eligible, the child must have lived with the relative for at least 12 consecutive months.

Also, the relative guardianship must be established pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) 366.26 and the juvenile court dependency for the child must be dismissed.

This ACL advises the county about the need to assess a relative as a prospective legal guardian. It also discusses CalWORKs requirements that apply to Kin-GAP families such as immunizations, school attendance and monthly reporting. It also briefly addresses issues such as annual redeterminations and aid payments.

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CDSS ACL 00-08 -- January 3, 2000 (Synopsis): County Written Policies and Procedures in CalWORKs

Reference: ACL 98-58, ACINs I-32-99, I-70-99

This ACL reminds counties that they must develop written policies and procedures for those areas in CalWORKs in which they have discretion to set standards. MPP§11-501.3 requires that, for those areas in which counties have discretion to adopt specific standards that affect an applicant or recipient's CalWORKs eligibility, grant amount or WTW activities, policies and procedures must be in writing and be made available to the public upon request.

This ACL lists 19 areas in which the counties must develop written policies and procedures. A few of these areas are:

- Determining good cause for not attending school regularly.
- Verifying regular school attendance.
- Certifying when there is no job currently available for the recipient who has received CalWORKs for the applicable 18 or 24 month time limit.
- Establishing satisfactory progress for purposes of allowing a person to continue in a self initiated program (SIP)
- Making the determination that a program leads to employment for recipients whose SIP is not on a list of approved SIPs.

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CDSS ACL 00-07-- January 5, 2000 (Synopsis): Battered Noncitizen Eligibility in CalWORKs and Food Stamps

Reference: ACLs 98-65, 99-78; ACIN I-53-99