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Effective immediately, a CalWORKs recipient is eligible for a pregnancy special need payment as soon as she provides medical verification of pregnancy. Eligibility will continue for the duration of the pregnancy. The CalWORKs recipient may thus receive the pregnancy special need payment in the early months of pregnancy. Regulations will be modified to reflect this change.

A sanctioned or penalized pregnant woman is not entitled to the pregnancy special need payment

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**Item 00-09-01E**

CDSS ACL 00-43 -- July 7, 2000 (Synopsis): Food Stamp Exclusion of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Vendor Payments for Housing

**Food Stamp Exclusion of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Vendor Payments for Housing**

MPP §63-502.2 refers to vendor payments that are excluded as income. The federal Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is revising current federal regulations to include as exempt income any housing assistance provided through a state or local housing authority paid directly to a vendor on behalf of a household. MPP §63-502.2(b)(2) will be revised to reflect this revision.

Housing assistance payments received by the household are counted as unearned income per MPP §63-502.141.

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**Item 00-09-01D**

CDSS ACL 00-42 -- June 26, 2000 (Synopsis): 2000 Regional Market Rate Ceilings

**2000 Regional Market Rate Ceilings**

This ACL provides the 2000 Regional Market Rate ceilings for California child care providers and institutions to use with the Regional Market Rate listing.

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**Item 00-09-01C**

CDSS ACL 00-40 -- June 19, 2000 (Synopsis): Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) Regulations