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**ACIN I-58-03 September 9, 2003 (Synopsis): Transitional Food Stamps**

Assembly Bill 1752 provides that when a household loses CalWORKs assistance the household may receive food stamps for up to five months. Benefits would be in the same amount received by the household prior to the termination from CalWORKs, adjusted for loss of the CalWORKs grant. A household that loses CalWORKs due to a sanction or was otherwise disqualified from the food stamp program is not eligible for this extension.

This transitional benefit must be implemented by January 1, 2004. W&IC §18901.6 establishes this new benefit and a copy of this statute is attached to this ACIN.

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**ACIN I-56-03 September 3, 2003 (Synopsis): Suspension of CalWORKs and Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs)**

Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) §11453(c) provides for the 2003-4 fiscal year that CalWORKs Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) and Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care (MBSAC) COLAs shall be suspended if there is an increase in the Vehicle License Fee (VLF). The VLF was increased effective October 1, 2003. Therefore the COLAs for MAP and MBSAC that were scheduled to be effective October 1, 2003 as well as RCA are suspended.

The CalWORKs MAP and MBSAC levels in All County Letters 03-26 and 03-38 are effective for the 2003-4 fiscal year.

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**ACIN I-48-03 September 15, 2003 (Synopsis): Food Stamp Application Voluntary Withdrawal**

**Reference: Title 7 CFR §273.2(c)(6); MPP §63-300.36; ACIN I-08-03**

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has advised CDSS that it has received complaints from food stamp applicants that they are being advised to withdraw applications. FNS advised CDSS that a food stamp application may be withdrawn only if the applicant voluntarily withdraws the application without outside input. Any suggestion that the applicant withdraw his/her application is contrary to 7 CFR 273.2(c)(6).

Counties must record in the case file the reason the applicant has withdrawn the application and that contact was made with the household to confirm the withdrawal. Counties may use the CW89 Application Withdrawal Request form.