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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 17-108

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CALFRESH PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS
(CalWORKs) CHANGES TO ASSET LIMITS FOR FAMILIES THAT INCLUDE
ELDERLY OR DISABLED HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

REFERENCE: WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS (W&I) CODE SECTIONS [11155.2](#) & [11257](#);
MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (MPP) SECTIONS [42-207.2](#)
AND [44-340](#); ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) NOS. [I-62-11](#)
AND [I-62-11E](#); ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. [13-26](#), ACL NO. [13-97](#).

The purpose of this ACL is to notify County Welfare Departments (CWDs) of changes to the maximum asset limit for CalWORKs families in which there is an elderly or disabled household member. CalWORKs families are allowed to retain countable resources in an amount equal to the amount allowed by the CalFresh program regulations.

Currently, the asset limit for households in which at least one Assistance Unit (AU) member is age 60 or older or disabled is \$3,250, in accordance with [ACL 13-97](#). On October 01, 2017, the Food and Nutrition Service increased the asset limit for CalFresh households in which there are elderly and disabled members to \$3,500. In order to maintain maximum compatibility between the programs, CalWORKs is also adopting the increased property limit for families in which there is a disabled member or person age 60 or over. This increase only applies to households in which at least one AU member is age 60 or older, or disabled. For all other households, the asset limit will remain the same.

The CWDs must make this change immediately. In addition, if CWDs find that an AU was denied cash aid or has had their cash aid discontinued as a result of exceeding the \$3,250

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

asset limit, the CWD must re-evaluate eligibility for the AU and restore any benefits that would have been authorized under the increased asset limit as of October 01, 2017, and moving forward. Additionally, when re-reviewing resource eligibility for previously discontinued or denied cases with an elderly or disabled member, if the CWD has collected or is currently collecting an overpayment (OP) based on excess resources for AUs fitting this description for any period after September 30, 2017, it shall review the case to determine if the AU was actually under the \$3,500 resource limit, and if so, immediately cancel the OP and return any funds collected pursuant to [MPP Section 44-340](#). The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is in the process of amending the regulations to reflect the new asset limit.

The CDSS apologizes for the delay in providing these implementation instructions. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau at (916) 654-1322.

Sincerely,

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