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REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☒ State Law Change
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- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☐ Initiated by CDSS

June 15, 2017

ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 17-47

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGERS
ALL FOSTER CARE MANAGERS
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA

SUBJECT: COUNTY-OPTIONAL BLOCK GRANT FOR THE INTERAGENCY
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (ICAN) REPORTING MANDATE

REFERENCE: PENAL CODE (PC) SECTIONS [11165.9](#), [11166](#), [11166.2](#), [11168](#),
[11169](#), [11170](#); GOVERNMENT CODE (GOV) SECTION [17560](#); [THE](#)
[BUDGET ACT OF 2016](#); [THE BUDGET ACT OF 2015](#); ACL NO. [16-20](#);
[COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES, STATEMENT OF DECISION](#)
[AND PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES, ICAN INVESTIGATIVE](#)
[REPORTS, CSM-00-TC-22](#)

This ACL addresses the county-optional block grant used to fund activities identified as reimbursable by the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) under the ICAN Investigation Reports ([CSM-00-TC-22](#)) mandate. The Budget Act of 2016 appropriated \$4 million for this county-optional block grant (herein referred to as the ICAN Block Grant) to be distributed to participating local agencies to fund the county share for these activities during fiscal year (FY) 2016-17.

Suspension of the ICAN Mandate

In December 2007 the Commission found that the ICAN reporting mandate statutes imposed a partially reimbursable state mandated program on local agencies. In December 2013 the Commission adopted the Statement of Decision and Parameters and Guidelines setting forth the reimbursable activities of the ICAN mandate. In September 2014 the Commission adopted a statewide cost estimate of prior year reimbursable costs related to the ICAN mandate. Documents pertaining to the ICAN Investigation Reports claim and the Commission's decision may be found at <http://csm.ca.gov/closedfiles/00-TC-22.php>.

Pursuant to state law, the presentation of the Commission's statewide cost estimate to the Legislature triggered the Legislature's constitutional obligation to fund, repeal or suspend the mandate. The Budget Act of 2015 suspended the ICAN mandate and appropriated \$4 million for the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to administer a county-optional ICAN Block Grant program for FY 2015-16. Counties were provided the opportunity to "opt-in" to receive funding for voluntarily performing these activities under the ICAN Block Grant program in FY 2015-16 via the procedures set forth in ACL No. [16-20](#).

County-Optional ICAN Block Grant

The Budget Act of 2016 continued the suspension of the ICAN mandate and appropriated \$4 million for CDSS to administer an optional ICAN Block Grant program for FY 2016-17. Recognizing that counties have continued to voluntarily perform cross-reporting activities under the suspended ICAN mandate to protect the health, safety and well-being of children who may be victims of abuse or neglect, the ICAN Block Grant program for FY 2016-17 will be an "opt-out" program allowing counties to receive funding unless they specifically choose not to accept funds for voluntarily performing these activities. Counties will be allocated and receive funding for the activities of the suspended ICAN mandate, as set forth in Attachment I.

Counties who do not opt-out and receive ICAN Block Grant funding are committing to perform the following cross-reporting activities under the suspended ICAN reporting mandate. As a condition of receiving funds under the ICAN Block Grant County Welfare Departments (CWDs) that do not opt-out must maintain all of the following cross-reporting requirements for FY 2016-17:

- Completion and submittal of the Child Abuse Summary Report (SS 8583) to the Department of Justice (DOJ), pursuant to PC sections [11165.9 - 11174.34](#).
- Completion and submittal of the Suspected Child Abuse Report (SS 8572) to the appropriate jurisdiction, pursuant to PC section [11166](#).
- Completion and submittal of the Notice of Child Abuse Central Index (CACI) Listing (SOC 832) to the alleged suspect, pursuant to PC section [11169](#).

The ICAN Block Grant is available only for identified activities in FY 2016-17. Furthermore, counties that participate in the ICAN Block Grant FY 2016-17 program will not be eligible for any other reimbursements for activities identified in the ICAN Investigation Reports mandate, [CSM-00-TC-22](#) for FY 2016-17. Participating counties will not be eligible to submit additional claims to the State Controller's Office under GOV Code section [17560](#) for any costs related to the reimbursable state-mandate activities identified in the ICAN Investigation Reports decision, [CSM-00-TC-22](#) incurred in FY 2016-17.

Cross-reporting to appropriate jurisdictions, such as law enforcement and the DOJ, provides notification and allows the appropriate agencies to take steps to respond to protect the health, safety and well-being of children. The goal of this intervention is to protect children from further maltreatment. Due to the ICAN mandate suspension, counties are not required to perform the suspended mandate activities if they opt-out. Although the ICAN mandate activities are suspended, CDSS strongly encourages CWDs to continue to perform cross-reporting activities to promote child safety regardless of whether or not they choose to participate in the optional block grant program. The CDSS recommends CWDs work closely with their county counsel in order to fully evaluate any risks to child safety and potential liability to the county child welfare agency when examining county policies and practices regarding cross-reporting activities.

For those counties who choose to opt-out of receiving funding from the FY 2016-17 ICAN Block Grant, Attachment I (County Opt-Out Letter) must be received by CDSS by **June 30, 2017**, at the address below:

California Department of Social Services
Attention: Child Welfare Policy and Program Development Bureau
744 P Street, MS 8-11-87
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attachment II displays planning allocations for all counties. A final allocation distribution and claiming instructions will be provided in a forthcoming County Fiscal Letter after the June 30, 2017, opt-out deadline. The CDSS will redistribute the planning allocation of any counties who choose to opt-out to the remaining participating counties.

Questions regarding this letter should be directed to the Child Welfare Policy and Program Development Bureau, at (916) 651-6160.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

GREGORY E. ROSE
Deputy Director
Children and Family Services Division

c: County Welfare Directors Association

Attachments I and II

June 15, 2017

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Director Will Lightbourne:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) that _____ County elects to opt-out of the Interagency Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN) Reporting County-Optional Block Grant (herein referred to as the ICAN Block Grant) for fiscal year (FY) 2016-17.

By choosing not to participate in the ICAN Block Grant, _____ County understands they will not receive funding through the ICAN County Block Grant to continue performing the activities of the suspected ICAN mandate identified in the ICAN Investigation Reports Decision, CSM-00-TC-22.

This opt-out is only for FY 2016-17.

The County Opt-Out Letter must be received by the Child Welfare Policy and Program Development Bureau (CWPPDB) on or before **June 30, 2017**.

Signature of Authorized County Representative

Date

Print Name

Title

FY 2016-17 ICAN GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION	
COUNTIES	ALLOCATION
Alameda	\$84,891
Alpine	\$171
Amador	\$3,993
Butte	\$25,023
Calaveras	\$4,234
Colusa	\$1,837
Contra Costa	\$80,439
Del Norte	\$6,553
El Dorado	\$18,438
Fresno	\$156,075
Glenn	\$4,125
Humboldt	\$17,660
Imperial	\$21,505
Inyo	\$2,389
Kern	\$143,677
Kings	\$23,279
Lake	\$10,056
Lassen	\$4,086
Los Angeles	\$1,033,611
Madera	\$22,493
Marin	\$11,574
Mariposa	\$1,245
Mendocino	\$14,119
Merced	\$39,780
Modoc	\$2,039
Mono	\$1,043
Monterey	\$23,591
Napa	\$12,103
Nevada	\$7,993
Orange	\$248,967
Placer	\$25,186
Plumas	\$1,689
Riverside	\$303,630
Sacramento	\$159,593
San Benito	\$3,323
San Bernardino	\$318,119

FY 2016-17 ICAN GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION	
COUNTIES	ALLOCATION
San Diego	\$395,321
San Francisco	\$43,165
San Joaquin	\$87,039
San Luis Obispo	\$31,600
San Mateo	\$30,666
Santa Barbara	\$43,064
Santa Clara	\$93,320
Santa Cruz	\$20,532
Shasta	\$26,486
Sierra	\$117
Siskiyou	\$6,250
Solano	\$44,270
Sonoma	\$25,404
Stanislaus	\$78,283
Sutter	\$8,499
Tehama	\$12,492
Trinity	\$1,969
Tulare	\$88,440
Tuolumne	\$5,822
Ventura	\$91,382
Yolo	\$17,022
Yuba	\$10,328
Total	\$4,000,000