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ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 17-96

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY CHILD CARE COORDINATORS  
ALL WELFARE TO WORK COORDINATORS  
ALL CONSORTIA REPRESENTATIVES

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2017-18 CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY  
AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) STAGE ONE CHILD  
CARE PROGRAM BUDGET CHANGE – ONGOING INCOME  
ELIGIBILITY

REFERENCE: [ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 99](#); MANAGEMENT BULLETIN 17-09

The purpose of this letter is to inform County Welfare Departments (CWDs) of the revised income eligibility limit for subsidized child care in the FY 2017-18 Budget Trailer Bill, Assembly Bill (AB) 99. This change implements “ongoing income eligibility” by allowing the amount of income a family could earn to increase from 70 percent of the State Median Income (SMI) to 85 percent of the SMI.

### Background

The SMI is used to establish the income ceiling for families who receive subsidized child care as well as to establish the fee amount that a family is required to pay for child care services.

AB 99 amends Education Code 8263.1(b) to implement “ongoing income eligibility” that allows a family to remain income eligible for subsidized child care until their adjusted monthly income exceeds 85 percent of the most recent SMI, adjusted for family size. As a result of this change, families will remain income eligible for subsidized child care services for a longer period of time.

#### REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

## **Income Eligibility**

Effective July 1, 2017 former CalWORKs recipients receiving Stage One Child Care will remain income eligible for subsidized child care until their adjusted monthly income exceeds 85 percent of the SMI, adjusted for family size. The new income ceilings, set at the 85 percent of the SMI, can be found in the California Department of Education (CDE) Management Bulletin 17-09.

The CWDs are encouraged to check the CDE website regularly for updated income ceilings and family fee schedules in order to accurately determine income eligibility and family fees for former cash aid recipients who receive CalWORKs Stage One Child Care. This information can be found on the CDE website at:

[California Department of Education](#)

The Child Care Programs Bureau will be updating the CalWORKs Stage One Child Care Regulations Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) to align with statute.

## **Notice of Action (NOA)**

The CalWORKs Stage One Child Care MPP Section 47-420.3, specifies that CWDs shall notify the client whenever there is an approval, denial, change or discontinuance in the amount of subsidy paid by the county for child care.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Child Care Programs Bureau at (916) 657-2144.

Sincerely,

## ***Original Document Signed By:***

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