

September 12, 2018

ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 18-106

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CALFRESH PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL COUNTY REFUGEE PROGRAM COORDINATORS
ALL CONSORTIA PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO
KIDS (CALWORKS): INCREASE TO TEMPORARY HOMELESS
ASSISTANCE (HA) DAILY PAYMENT AMOUNTS

REFERENCE: [ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 1811 \(CHAPTER 35, STATUTES OF 2018\);](#)
[ACL NO. 06-25; ACL NO. 18-71; ACL NO. 18-78; MANUAL OF](#)
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ([MPP\) SECTION 44-211.525](#)

The purpose of this letter is to inform County Welfare Departments (CWDs) that effective January 1, 2019, the daily rate for temporary HA will be increasing.

Background/Current Law

Temporary HA is available to homeless CalWORKs families to help pay for up to 16 consecutive days of temporary shelter, while the family is searching for permanent housing. (Note: applicants receiving AB 557 expanded HA benefits are exempt from the permanent housing search.) Current daily limits are \$65 for a family with up to four people; the fifth and each additional family member each receives \$15 a day, up to a daily maximum of \$125.

Change to Daily Limits

The AB 1811 establishes that effective January 1, 2019, the daily amounts of temporary HA payments will be increased for a family with up to four members from \$65 to \$85 a day. Each additional family member will continue to get an additional \$15 a day, up to a daily maximum of \$145. This increase applies to all temporary HA, including AB 557 benefits for CalWORKs applicants fleeing domestic abuse (see [ACL NO. 18-78](#)) and AB 236 benefits for CalWORKs Family Reunification cases (see [ACL NO. 18-71](#)). All other HA provisions remain in effect.

Contacts

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Housing and Homelessness Bureau at (916) 651-5155 or housing@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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