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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 18-124

This ACL informs the County Welfare Departments (CWDs) of the 2019 CalWORKs Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) increase pursuant to the passage of AB 1811 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018). This letter includes instructions for the implementation of the ten percent MAP increase, which takes effect on April 1, 2019. This policy change must be automated into the Statewide Automated Welfare Systems (SAWS) by the effective date. If the MAP increase cannot be automated by the effective date, the SAWS must provide CWDs a temporary workaround to ensure that CalWORKs recipients receive the MAP increase no later than their date of issuance in the month of April.



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ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 18-124

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

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS
(CALWORKS): TEN PERCENT INCREASE TO THE MAXIMUM AID
PAYMENT (MAP) LEVELS

REFERENCE: [WELFARE & INSTITUTIONS CODE \(WIC\) SECTIONS 11450,](#)
[WIC 11450.021, WIC 11450.022, WIC 11452, AND WIC 11453;](#)
[ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 1811](#) (CHAPTER 35, STATUTES OF 2018);
[ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) No. 16-64](#)

The purpose of this ACL is to inform the County Welfare Departments (CWDs) of the 2019 CalWORKs MAP increase pursuant to the passage of AB 1811 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018) which was signed by the Governor on June 27, 2018. This letter includes instructions to be used in the implementation of the ten percent MAP increase. The CalWORKs MAP increase takes effect on April 1, 2019. This policy change must be automated into the Statewide Automated Welfare Systems (SAWS) by the effective date. If the MAP increase cannot be automated by the effective date, the SAWS must provide CWDs a temporary workaround to ensure that CalWORKs recipients receive the MAP increase no later than their date of issuance in the month of April. CalWORKs and CalFresh recipients must be notified of changes to their CalWORKs grant and the associated impact of the household's CalFresh benefits no later than March 20, 2019.

The grant increase applies to all CalWORKs cases, regardless of whether the Assistance Unit (AU) lives in Region One or Region Two and regardless of the AU's Exempt or Non-Exempt status. The CWDs are to treat the grant increase as a mandatory county-initiated mid-period action for Semi Annual Reporting (SAR) and Annual Reporting/Child Only (AR/CO) cases. AB 1811 also provides for further MAP increases in Fiscal Years (FY) 2019–20 and 2020–21, or until the maximum aid payment levels reach 50 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for

the family size that is one greater than the AU. Any increases to MAP levels after July 1, 2018, are contingent upon an appropriation in the annual Budget Act.

INFORMING CalWORKs RECIPIENTS

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has provided the attached mass mailer notice (TEMP 2250) for CWDs to send to all CalWORKs recipients that will inform them of the change in state law that increases MAP levels effective April 1, 2019, and the potential decrease to the household's CalFresh benefits as a result of the increase to their income. The CWDs must begin sending the mailer to all CalWORKs recipients as soon as administratively possible but no later than February 15, 2019. As stated above, CWDs must also send the attached adequate notice of action (NOA) (TM44-315J) to CalWORKs recipients that will provide information specific to their AU's cash aid amount. CalFresh noticing rules have not changed. AUs with CalFresh benefits affected by the grant increase will receive a separate notice about their CalFresh benefits. The CDSS strongly encourages CWDs to provide a copy of the TEMP 2250 to all new CalWORKs applicants who apply for aid starting in February 2019 through March 2019, to ensure that they are informed about the April 1, 2019, grant increase.

INCOME REPORTING THRESHOLD (IRT)

As a reminder, CWDs must inform recipients of their new IRT any time it changes. Some recipients' IRTs may change when the MAP increases. CWDs must send those CalWORKs AUs a new SAR 2, AR 2 or other appropriate written notification the CWD uses to inform them of their new IRT. The CDSS will be updating the IRT charts in the near future. As a reminder, per ACL 18-114, CWDs are to use the current IRT until the IRT figures are updated.

FORMS AND NOTICES OF ACTION (NOA)

TEMP 2250 (9/18) – State Law Changes the Maximum Aid Payment Levels for Cash Aid Recipients – This form was created for CWDs to send to all CalWORKs AUs to inform them of the change to the MAP. This is a required form with no substitutes permitted.

TM44-315J (9/18) – NOA message – Ten Percent Grant Increase/Law Change – This NOA message was created to send to cash assistance AUs when their grant will increase due to the MAP increase. Instructions for use of the NOA message are included on the TM44-315J. This message is required with no substitutes permitted to the language. The CWDs may fill in case specific information as instructed.

Required Form - No Substitutes Permitted

Forms in this category are required forms that the CWD may not modify or restructure. However, overprinting or reformatting under the conditions outlined in [Operations Manual Section 23-400.211, Overprinting Required Forms](#) and [Section 23-400.212, Electronic Data Processing \(EDP\) Modifications](#), is permitted.

CAMERA READY COPIES AND TRANSLATIONS

For camera-ready copies in English, contact the Forms Management Unit at fmudss@dss.ca.gov. If your office has internet access you may obtain these publications from the [CDSS Forms and Publications](#) webpage.

When all translations are completed per [Manual of Policies and Procedures \(MPP\) Section 21-115.2](#), they are posted on an on-going basis on the [CDSS Translated Forms and Publications](#) webpage.

For questions on translated materials, please contact Language Services at (916) 651-8876. Until translations are available, recipients who have elected to receive materials in languages other than English should be sent the English version of the form or notice along with the [GEN 1365-Notice of Language Services](#) and a local contact number.

CWDs shall ensure that effective bilingual services are provided. This requirement may be met through utilization of paid interpreters, qualified bilingual employees, and qualified employees of other agencies or community resources. These services shall be provided free of charge to the applicant/recipient. In the event that CDSS does not provide translations of a form, it is the CWD's responsibility to provide translation services if an applicant or recipient requests them. More information regarding provisions for services to applicants and recipients who are non-English speaking or who have disabilities can be found in [MPP Section 21-115](#).

This ACL and other CDSS Letters and Notices are available on the internet at:
<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Letters-and-Notices>.

CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS

Impacted claims reflecting the appropriate estimated sharing ratios as a result of this MAP increase will be released in a forthcoming County Fiscal Letter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your CalWORKs County Consultant at (916) 654-1322.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

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Family Engagement and Empowerment Division

Attachments

STATE LAW CHANGES MAXIMUM AID PAYMENT (MAP) LEVELS FOR CASH AID RECIPIENTS

As of April 1, 2019, the MAP levels for all cash aid families will be increased by 10 percent.

You will get a Notice of Action (NOA) in March showing your new aid amount starting April 1.

CalFresh Changes:

Most families get less CalFresh benefits when they get more cash aid. You will get a separate notice if your CalFresh benefits will be changing.

New MAP Tables:

New MAP table for Region 1, Exempt

Person(s) on aid	Old MAP	New MAP	Increase in MAP
1	\$392	\$431	\$39
2	\$645	\$710	\$65
3	\$799	\$879	\$80
4	\$949	\$1,044	\$95
5	\$1,080	\$1,188	\$108
6	\$1,214	\$1,335	\$121
7	\$1,334	\$1,467	\$133
8	\$1,454	\$1,599	\$145
9	\$1,571	\$1,728	\$157
10 or more	\$1,689	\$1,858	\$169

New MAP table for Region 1, Non-Exempt

Person(s) on aid	Old MAP	New MAP	Increase in MAP
1	\$355	\$391	\$36
2	\$577	\$635	\$58
3	\$714	\$785	\$71
4	\$852	\$937	\$85
5	\$968	\$1,065	\$97
6	\$1,087	\$1,196	\$109
7	\$1,195	\$1,315	\$120
8	\$1,301	\$1,431	\$130
9	\$1,407	\$1,548	\$141
10 or more	\$1,511	\$1,662	\$151

New MAP table for Region 2, Exempt

Person(s) on aid	Old MAP	New MAP	Increase in MAP
1	\$374	\$411	\$37
2	\$616	\$678	\$62
3	\$762	\$838	\$76
4	\$904	\$994	\$90
5	\$1,031	\$1,134	\$103
6	\$1,157	\$1,273	\$116
7	\$1,272	\$1,399	\$127
8	\$1,385	\$1,524	\$139
9	\$1,498	\$1,648	\$150
10 or more	\$1,610	\$1,771	\$161

New MAP table for Region 2, Non-Exempt

Person(s) on aid	Old MAP	New MAP	Increase in MAP
1	\$336	\$370	\$34
2	\$549	\$604	\$55
3	\$680	\$748	\$68
4	\$810	\$891	\$81
5	\$922	\$1,014	\$92
6	\$1,035	\$1,139	\$104
7	\$1,136	\$1,250	\$114
8	\$1,239	\$1,363	\$124
9	\$1,340	\$1,474	\$134
10 or more	\$1,438	\$1,582	\$144

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Department of Social Services

Auto ID No.:
Source :
Issued by :
Reg Cite : 44-315,
AB 1811 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018)

Noa Msg Doc No.: TM44-315J Page 1 of 1
Action : Change
Issue: Ten Percent Grant Increase
Title: Law Change to MAP Levels

Use Form No. : NA 200 or NA 1239
Original Date : 09-01-18
Revision Date :

MESSAGE:

As of April 1, 2019, the County is changing your cash aid
from \$_____ to \$_____.

Here's why:

State Law has changed. The maximum aid payment has
gone up by 10 percent.

If you think there is a mistake in the amount of your cash aid,
or if you have problems other than with the new law you can
ask for a state hearing. The back of this notice tells you how.

Your new cash aid amount is figured on this page.

The county will tell you if your IRT has changed.

INSTRUCTIONS: Use to change the grant amount to apply the ten percent grant increase due to AB 1811 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018) effective April 1, 2019. For Counties who show the IRT on the NOA you may replace, "The County will tell you if you're IRT has changed" with the IRT information. Print message on NA 200 with budget in right column for those who have no income or who are paid monthly. Use the NA 1239 for all other AUs.

CalWORKs Payment Standards Chart
Effective April 1, 2019

**These charts reflect a ten percent increase to the MAP levels as a result of
Assembly Bill 1811 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018)**

Region 1

Assistance Unit Size	Maximum Aid Payment Exempt	Maximum Aid Payment Non-Exempt
1	\$431	\$391
2	\$710	\$635
3	\$879	\$785
4	\$1,044	\$937
5	\$1,188	\$1,065
6	\$1,335	\$1,196
7	\$1,467	\$1,315
8	\$1,599	\$1,431
9	\$1,728	\$1,548
10 or more	\$1,858	\$1,662

Region 2

Assistance Unit Size	Maximum Aid Payment Exempt	Maximum Aid Payment Non-Exempt
1	\$411	\$370
2	\$678	\$604
3	\$838	\$748
4	\$994	\$891
5	\$1,134	\$1,014
6	\$1,273	\$1,139
7	\$1,399	\$1,250
8	\$1,524	\$1,363
9	\$1,648	\$1,474
10 or more	\$1,771	\$1,582

Region 1 Counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Marin, Monterey, Napa, Orange, San Diego, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma and Ventura.

Region 2 Counties: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba.

For more information on CalWORKs historical MAP levels, please refer to the [CDSS website](#).