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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 18-41

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY CONSORTIA PROJECT MANAGERS
ALL COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS
ALL TRIBAL TANF ADMINISTRATORS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO
KIDS (CalWORKs) NEW AND EXPANDED WELFARE-TO-WORK
(WTW) 24-MONTH TIME CLOCK EDUCATION EXTENSION
REASONS

REFERENCES: [SENATE BILL \(SB\) 1041](#) (CHAPTER 47, STATUTES 2012) and
[ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 818](#) (CHAPTER 141, STATUTES 2017);
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE (WIC) SECTIONS
[11322.85](#), [11322.86](#), [11322.87](#); ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) [15-](#)
[21](#), [15-03](#), [15-02](#), [15-01](#), [14-16](#), [14-09](#), [13-68](#), [13-59](#), [13-15](#), [12-67](#);
MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (MPP) SECTIONS
[42-708.7](#)

The purpose of this ACL is to inform County Welfare Departments (CWDs) of the passage of AB 818, signed into law on July 31, 2017, which, effective January 1, 2018, amends WIC section 11322.87(a)(3) and (a)(6) to expand qualifying reasons for an extension beyond the cumulative Welfare-to-Work 24-Month Time Clock (WTW 24-MTC) based on education.

WTW 24-MTC Extension Background

Passage of SB 1041 (Statutes of 2012) created a cumulative 24-month period, known as the WTW 24-MTC, for increased flexibility of services and activities during adults' maximum 48 months of CalWORKs aid and established conditions under which the WTW 24-MTC could be extended.

New Extensions to the WTW 24-MTC

A recipient making satisfactory progress toward a high school diploma or its equivalent with a known graduation, transfer, or expected completion date may be granted an extension to the WTW 24-MTC. Pursuant to the amended language in WIC 11322.87(a)(3), high school diploma or its equivalent is presumed to meaningfully increase the likelihood of employment.

Pursuant to the amended language in WIC 11322.87(a)(6), participants who have completed a high school education or its equivalent during their time on the WTW-24 MTC may be granted an extension to the clock to engage in an educational program or other activities which would meaningfully increase the likelihood of employment.

Inclusive of the circumstances listed above and pursuant to WIC sections 11322.86 and 11322.87, a client subject to the WTW 24-MTC who has time remaining on the CalWORKs 48-month time limit, or who has received an extension to the 48-month time limit, and is unlikely to meet CalWORKs federal standards, may receive an extension to the WTW 24-MTC when any of the following circumstances exist (new statutory language italicized):

- (1) The recipient is likely to obtain employment within six months.
- (2) The recipient has encountered unique labor market barriers temporarily preventing employment, and therefore needs additional time to obtain employment.
- (3) The recipient has achieved satisfactory progress in an educational or treatment program, including adult basic education, vocational education, or a self-initiated program that has a known graduation, transfer, or completion date that would meaningfully increase the likelihood of his or her employment. *For purposes of this paragraph, a high school education or its equivalent is presumed to meaningfully increase the likelihood of employment.*
- (4) The recipient needs an additional period of time to complete a welfare-to-work activity specified in his or her welfare-to-work case plan due to a diagnosed learning or other disability, so as to meaningfully increase the likelihood of his or her employment.
- (5) The recipient has submitted an application to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits, and a hearing date has been established.
- (6) *The recipient obtained his or her high school diploma or its equivalent while participating in activities described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 11322.85, and an additional period of time to complete an educational program or other activity described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 11322.85 in*

which he or she is currently participating would meaningfully increase the likelihood of his or her employment.

(7) Other circumstances as determined by the department.

The CDSS will update MPP section 42-708.7 to reflect these changes.

WDTIP TRAC Code

The TRAC system will capture data on clients who are using both the new and amended WTW 24-MTC extensions through the existing '608 WTW-Education' extender.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this letter, please contact your CDSS Employment Bureau county consultant at (916) 654-2137.

Per MPP section 42-708.614, CWDs are required to provide written notice when the participant has exhausted their WTW 24-MTC or any extension to the clock.

Sincerely,

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