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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) NO. I-64-19

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): FINAL REGULATIONS ON THE INCREASE TO TEMPORARY HOMELESS ASSISTANCE DAILY PAYMENT AMOUNTS

REFERENCE: WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE (WIC) SECTION 11450; ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 1811 (CHAPTER 35, STATUTES OF 2018); ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 06-25; ACL NO. 18-106

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The attached final regulations were processed as two separate packages: a handbook only package and a Section 100 package. These regulation pages and the accompanying Eligibility and Assistance Standards (EAS) Manual Letter 19-03 and Manual Letter 19-06 are posted at the CDSS Webpage.

Adopted Homeless Assistance Regulations

The final regulations increase the daily rate amount for a family of four or less from $65 to $85. Each additional family member still increases the daily rate by $15, but these regulations increase the daily maximum for a family of 8 or more from $125 to $145. Additionally, outdated, incorrect language regarding how the daily maximum is calculated was removed and examples were updated for clarity and accuracy.
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,

*Original Document Signed By:*

ALI SUTTON, Chief
Housing, Homelessness, and Civil Rights Branch

Attachment
Amend Section 44-211.5 to read:

44-211 SPECIAL NEEDS IN CALWORKS

.1 through .4 (Continued)

.5 Homeless Assistance

.51 General (Continued)

.52 Temporary Shelter (Continued)

.521 through .524 (Continued)

.525 The amount of the nonrecurring special need payment for temporary shelter shall be specified by the State Department of Social Services pursuant to the Budget Act. See Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11450(f)(3)(A) for the latest daily shelter rates.

(a) Effective January 1, 2019, an AU with four or fewer members shall receive a daily amount of $85 as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11450(f)(2)(A).

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(1) Effective July 12, 2006 the amount is $65.

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(b) Effective January 1, 2019, the fifth and each additional member of an AU shall each receive an additional $15 a day, up to a maximum of $145 a day, an amount equal to one-fourth of the amount specified in MPP 44-211.525(a).

(1) The total amount available to an AU with five or more members shall not exceed a maximum of two times the amount specified in MPP 44-211.525(a).

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(2) Effective July 12, 2006, the amount for the fifth and each additional member of an AU shall be $15.00, for a maximum of $125 a day.

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.526 (Continued)

(a) (Continued)
Example:

The AU receives three days of temporary shelter assistance in the amount of $195,255. On the fourth day, the AU returns to the CWD for an extension of benefits. The AU provides a receipt that shows payment was made on two nights at XYZ Motel in the amount of $75. The AU provides a receipt that shows on the third night the AU stayed with a friend who is not in the business of providing shelter and paid the friend $15,600 for three nights. The county determines that the third night the AU failed to pay a provider in accordance with this requirement. The county establishes that mismanagement of funds exists and the subsequent payments are made as restricted payments.

Example:

The AU receives three nights of temporary shelter in the amount of $195,255. The AU returns on the fourth day to request an extension of benefits. The AU provides a receipt that shows the AU stayed in a shelter three nights at a cost of $15. The AU has met the requirement of staying in a shelter or commercial establishment. There is no misuse of funds in this example.

Example:

The AU receives $195,255 for three nights of shelter. The AU returns on the fourth night for an extension of benefits. The AU provides verification that shows $205,260 was spent on two nights of shelter at the XYZ Motel. The third night the AU stayed with a friend at no cost. The AU has met the requirement of staying in a commercial establishment. There is no misuse of funds in this example because the AU did not pay their friend for letting them stay the third night when their shelter payments ran out after the second night.

Authority cited: Sections 10553, 10554, 10604, 11209, and 11450(f) and (g), Welfare and Institutions Code.
Reference: Sections 11056, 11155.2(a), 11251.3, 11265.1, 11265.2, 11265.3, 11266(a)(2), 11271, 11272, 11273, and 11273(b), 11450(a)(1), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f), 11450(f)(2)(A)(i), 11450(f)(2)(B), 11450(f)(2)(C), 11450(f)(2)(E)(i), (ii), (iii), (v), and (vi), 11450.5, 11452.018(a), and 11453.2, Welfare and Institutions Code; 45 CFR 206.10(a)(1)(ii), 45 CFR 206.10(a)(8), 45 CFR 233.10(a)(1)(iv), 45 CFR 233.20(a)(2)(v)(A), 45 CFR 234.11, 45 CFR 234.60; and 42 U.S.C.A., Section 606(b).