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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK COORDINATORS
ALL TRIBAL TANF ADMINISTRATORS
ALL TRIBAL CHAIRPERSONS
ALL COUNTY TRIBAL TANF LIAISONS

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES AND
CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO
KIDS TIME LIMIT EXEMPTION FOR RECIPIENTS LIVING IN
INDIAN COUNTRY WHERE THE UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL OF
ADULTS IS 50 PERCENT OR HIGHER

REFERENCE: [ACL 04-20](#), [ACL 05-16](#), [ACL 06-23](#), [ACL 07-25](#), [ACL 08-28E](#),
[ACL 09-29](#), [ACL 10-24](#), [ACL No. 11-33](#), [ACL 11-41](#), [ACL 12-30](#),
[ACL 13-69](#), [ACL 14-108](#), [ACL 15-71](#), [ACL 16-68](#), [ACL 17-63](#),
[ACL 18-45](#), [ACL 19-35](#), [ACL 20-39](#); [MANUAL OF POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES \(MPP\) SECTION 40-107\(a\)\(4\)](#), [MPP SECTION 42-
302.21\(i\)](#), [MPP SECTION 42-302.3](#); [TITLE 45 CODE OF
FEDERAL REGULATIONS \(CFR\) Section 264.1](#); [45 CFR
286.115\(d\)\(3\)](#)

The purpose of this letter is to inform County Welfare Departments (CWDs) whether the Indian Country residents who participate in a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program qualify for federal and state time limit exemptions. This letter identifies the names of federally recognized tribes that have experienced unemployment among adults at 50 percent or higher in Indian Country or in an Alaskan Native Village during the previous calendar year.

As provided in state regulations ([Manual of Policies and Procedures \[MPP\] Section 42-302.21\[i\]](#)), and in the [Code of Federal Regulations \(45 CFR 286.115\[d\]\[3\]\)](#), counties and

Tribal TANF programs are required to exempt individuals from the state and federal TANF program time limits for any month in which the individual is on aid and lives in Indian Country or in an Alaskan Native Village where at least 50 percent of the adults were not employed.

The attached table shows the Indian Country areas that responded to the California Department of Social Service survey indicating that adult unemployment was 50 percent or higher during calendar year 2020. Individuals who lived in these areas during 2020 qualify for the time limit exemption for those specified months. If an individual lived within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation not listed on the attachment, the individual, the county, or the Tribal TANF program may obtain written documentation from a federally-recognized tribe that the individual lived in an area where the unemployment of adults was 50 percent or higher. Such certification qualifies the individual for the time limit exemption and may be applicable to a complete calendar year or any month(s) in that year.

The California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) time limit is 48 months and the federal TANF time limit for aid is at 60 months. Instructions on the current CalWORKs time limit were issued in [ACL No. 11-33](#), dated April 29, 2011, while guidance regarding the federal TANF time limit may be found in [45 CFR Section 264.1](#).

Counties are reminded that CalWORKs applicants and recipients must be informed of all program time limit requirements, including the process necessary to claim exemptions, as set forth in [MPP Section 42-302.3](#). Those individuals must also be provided with information regarding their accumulated time on aid at specific intervals, as required in [MPP Section 40-107\(a\)\(4\)](#). Those counties in which a Tribal TANF program operates may need to provide verification of clients' CalWORKs time on aid, including any time limit exemptions, to the Tribal TANF Program Administrator. The Tribal TANF Program Administrator will notify its clients of their remaining time on aid for purposes of the TANF 60-month time limit.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need additional information regarding the time limit, please contact your CalWORKs County Consultant or the Early Engagement and Eligibility Bureau at (916) 654-1322.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

INDIAN COUNTRY AREAS THAT QUALIFY FOR THE TANF AND CALWORKS PROGRAM TIME
LIMIT EXEMPTION FOR **ALL MONTHS** DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2020
PER UNEMPLOYMENT OF ADULTS AT A LEVEL OF 50 PERCENT OR HIGHER

| INDIAN COUNTRY AREA | PRIMARY ZIP CODE ¹ | COUNTY ² |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Big Pine Indian Reservation | 93513 | Inyo |
| Big Sandy Rancheria | 93602 | Fresno |
| Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of Big Valley Rancheria | 95453 | Lake |
| Cahuilla Band of Indians | 92539 | Riverside |
| Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria | 95570 | Humboldt |
| Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians of California | 93667 | Fresno |
| Colusa Indian Community Council | 95932 | Colusa |
| Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California | 95966 | Butte |
| Fort Bidwell Indian Reservation- Gidutikad Band | 96112 | Modoc |
| Fort Independence Indian Community of Paiute Indians of the Fort Independence Indian Reservation | 93526 | Inyo |
| Grindstone Indian Rancheria | 95939 | Glenn |
| Guidiville Indian Rancheria/Guidiville Rancheria of California | 95481 | Mendocino |
| Hoopa Valley Tribe | 95546 | Humboldt |
| Jamul Indian Village of California | 91935 | San Diego |
| Karuk Tribe – Yreka TANF Office | 96097 | Siskiyou |
| Karuk Tribe – Happy Camp TANF Office | 96039 | Siskiyou |
| Karuk Tribe – Orleans TANF Office | 95556 | Humboldt |
| Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of Stewarts Point Rancheria | 95480 | Sonoma |
| Manchester-Point Arena Band of Pomo Indians | 95468 | Mendocino |
| Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria | 95926 | Butte |
| Middletown Rancheria | 95461 | Lake |
| Mooretown Rancheria | 95966 | Butte |
| North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California | 93643 | Madera |
| Pauma Band of Mission Indians | 92061 | San Diego |
| Pit River Tribe | 96013 | Shasta |
| Quartz Valley Indian Reservation | 96032 | Siskiyou |
| Ramona Band of Cahuilla | 92539 | Riverside |
| Resighini Rancheria | 95548 | Del Norte |
| Robinson Rancheria Tribe | 95464 | Lake |
| Round Valley Indian Tribes | 95428 | Mendocino |
| San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians | 92082 | San Diego |

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| INDIAN COUNTRY AREA | PRIMARY ZIP CODE ¹ | COUNTY ² |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians | 92561 | Riverside |
| Santa Ynez Chumash Reservation | 93460 | Santa Barbara |
| Sherwood Valley Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians | 95490 | Mendocino |
| Timbisha Shoshone Tribe | 93514 | Inyo |
| Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation | 95567 | Del Norte |
| Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian Tribe | 92274 | Imperial |
| Tule River Indian Reservation | 93257 | Tulare |
| Wiyot Tribe | 95551 | Humboldt |
| Yurok Tribe | 95548 | Del Norte |

¹INDIAN COUNTRY AREAS REPORTING MAY EXTEND TO MORE THAN ONE ZIP CODE

²INDIAN COUNTRY AREAS MAY INCLUDE MORE THAN ONE COUNTY

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LIMIT EXEMPTION FOR **SOME MONTHS** DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2020
PER UNEMPLOYMENT OF ADULTS AT A LEVEL OF 50 PERCENT OR HIGHER

| INDIAN COUNTRY AREA | PRIMARY ZIP CODE ¹ | COUNTY ² | MONTHS IN 2020 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Bishop Paiute Tribe | 93514 | Inyo | Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec |
| La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians | 92061 | San Diego | Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec |
| Susanville Indian Rancheria | 96130 | Lassen | Apr, May, Jun |