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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 21-38

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ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 21-38

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, REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE, ENTRANT CASH
ASSISTANCE, AND TRAFFICKING AND CRIME VICTIMS
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, CHANGES TO VEHICLE VALUE
LIMITS FOR FAMILIES

REFERENCE: [SENATE BILL \(SB\) 80 \(CHAPTER 440, STATUTES OF 2019\);](#)
[WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE \(W&IC\) SECTION 11155](#)
[AND W&I SECTION 11257; MANUAL POLICIES AND](#)
[PROCEDURES \(MPP\) SECTION 42-207, MPP SECTION 42-](#)
[215.4, MPP SECTION 69-201.4, MPP SECTION 69-301 AND MPP](#)
[SECTION 70-105; ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) No. 13-111, ACL](#)
[No. 18-76 AND ACL No. 19-67.](#)

The purpose of this letter is to inform all County Welfare Departments of the 1.93 percent increase to the vehicle value limit for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), Entrant Cash Assistance (ECA), and Trafficking and Crime and Victims Assistance Programs (TCVAP), effective July 1, 2021. The W&IC Sections 11155 and 11257 require the CalWORKs program to adjust the maximum vehicle limit in accordance with the United States (U.S.) Transportation Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Vehicle's Value Increase

Effective July 1, 2021, the maximum value allowed for non-exempt vehicles will increase by 1.93 percent, per the increase reflected in the CPI-U. The new maximum

non-exempt vehicle value limit will be **\$25,483**. The equity value for each motor vehicle in excess of \$25,483 will be counted towards the maximum asset limit for CalWORKs, for applicant and recipient cases.

Future increase to the maximum CalWORKs non-exempt vehicle value limit will occur annually on July 1, if there is an increase to the CPI-U.

REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE/ ENTRANT CASH ASSISTANCE AND TRAFFICKING AND CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The RCA, ECA, and TCVAP cash assistance programs follow the CalWORKs administrative rules with certain exceptions. Pursuant to MPP Section 69-201.4, CalWORKs program regulations apply to financial eligibility and payments for the RCA program, unless specifically superseded by RCA regulations. Unless otherwise provided, ECA and TCVAP recipients must be provided cash assistance under the same conditions and to the same extent as the RCA program per MPP Sections 69-301 and 70-105, respectively. These implementation instructions for the vehicle maximum allowed non-exempt value increase shall also apply to RCA/ECA and TCVAP applicants and recipients.

AUTOMATION

Effective July 1, 2021, the Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) will perform the necessary automation to increase the vehicle value limit based on the CPI-U increase.

CONTACTS

If you have any questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the Early Engagement and Eligibility Bureau at (916) 654-1322.

For RCA, ECA, and TCVAP programs, contact the Refugee Programs Bureau at (916) 654-4356.

Sincerely,

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