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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 22-66

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 MAXIMUM
RESOURCE LIMIT FOR FAMILIES

REFERENCE: [WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE \(W&IC\) SECTION 11155](#)
[AND W&IC SECTION 11257; MANUAL POLICIES AND](#)
[PROCEDURES \(MPP\) SECTION 42-207, MPP SECTION 69-](#)
[201.4, MPP SECTION 69-301 AND MPP SECTION 70-105; ALL](#)
[COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) 21-56.](#)

The purpose of this letter is to inform all County Welfare Departments of the 6.63 percent increase to the maximum resource limit for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), Entrant Cash Assistance (ECA), and Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Programs (TCVAP), effective January 1, 2023. The W&IC Sections 11155 and 11257 require the CalWORKs program to adjust the maximum resource limit in accordance with the California Necessities Index (CNI) for the most recent fiscal year.

MAXIMUM ASSET LIMIT INCREASE

Effective January 1, 2023, the maximum resource limit will increase by 6.63 percent, per the increase reflected in the CNI for the most recent fiscal year. The new maximum resource limit will be **\$10,888** or, **\$16,333** for Assistance Units (AU) that include at least

one member who is aged 60 or older or disabled, for CalWORKs applicants and recipients.

RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS

Rules regarding restricted accounts remain unchanged.

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CalWORKs program regulations apply to financial eligibility and payments for the RCA program, unless specifically superseded by RCA regulations.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 maximum resource limit increase shall also apply to RCA/ECA and TCVAP applicants and recipients.

REVISED NOTICE OF ACTION (NOA) MESSAGE

[M44-316C \(08/22\) - No change/mid-period report of property](#)

The CDSS has revised NOA message M44-316C to increase the cited property value limits from \$10,211 and \$15,317 to \$10,888 and \$16,333. The NOA is to be used for Semi-Annual Reporting and Annual Reporting/Child Only cases, to inform clients that information reported about property during the reporting period has resulted in no change to their benefit amount. This message replaces M44-316C dated May 1, 2021. CWDs must begin using the revised NOA message no later than January 1, 2023. If the revised NOA version, M44-316C, is not automated by January 1, 2023, CWDs shall manually produce the revised NOA.

Other forms that printed resource limits, such as the SAWS 2A SAR, will be released under separate cover.

AUTOMATION

Effective January 1, 2023, the Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) will perform the necessary automation to increase the maximum resource limit based on the CNI increase for the most recent fiscal year.

CONTACTS

If you have any questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the Early Engagement and Eligibility Bureau at CWEligibilityPolicy@dss.ca.gov

For RCA, ECA, and TCVAP programs, contact the Refugee Programs Bureau at RefugeePolicy@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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