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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CONSORTIA REPRESENTATIVES  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK COORDINATORS  
ALL COUNTY CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO  
KIDS (CALWORKS) HOME VISITING PROGRAM (HVP): PROGRAM  
RE-ENROLLMENT

REFERENCE: [WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE \(WIC\) SECTIONS 11330.6  
AND 11330.7; ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE \(ACIN\) I-20-22.](#)

The purpose of this All County Letter (ACL) is to provide policy guidance for situations that may allow former California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Home Visiting Program (HVP) participants to re-enroll in the program. Guidance provided in this letter will supersede prior guidance provided in [ACIN I-20-22](#).

## **BACKGROUND**

The CalWORKs HVP is a voluntary program model that pairs participants with a nurse, or trained professional who makes regular visits to provide guidance, coaching, access to prenatal and postnatal care, and other health and social services.

In order to be eligible for CalWORKs HVP services per [WIC Section 11330.6\(c\)\(2\)](#), an individual must meet the following criteria in A and B:

(A) The individual is one of the following:

- A member of a CalWORKs assistance unit.
- The parent or caretaker relative for a child-only case.
- A pregnant individual who has applied for CalWORKs aid within 60 calendar days prior to reaching the second trimester of pregnancy and would be eligible for CalWORKs aid other than not having reached the second trimester of pregnancy.
- An individual who is apparently eligible for CalWORKs aid.

and

(B) The individual is pregnant, or the individual is a parent or caretaker relative of a child less than 24 months of age at the time the individual enrolls in the program.

Prior guidance in [ACIN I-20-22 \(Q&A #12\)](#), stated that HVP eligibility is limited to once per participant and the maximum number of months a family may receive HVP services is 24 months or the child's second birthday, whichever is later.

## **RE-ENROLLMENT AND PROGRAM TIME LIMITS**

Effective immediately, HVP participants may be eligible to re-enroll if they were unable to complete 24 months of services during their initial enrollment in CalWORKs HVP and all of the following apply:

- The initial enrollment was discontinued because the previously eligible child was permanently removed from the AU due to death of the child, termination of parental rights, or relinquishment of parental rights;
- At the time the CalWORKs HVP services were discontinued, there were no other eligible children in the AU;
- The family is now eligible for CalWORKs HVP with a new pregnancy or new eligible child; and
- The evidence-based model being implemented by the county allows for the participant's re-enrollment.

The re-enrolled participant will be eligible for 24 months of services or until the new child turns two years old, whichever is later. There is no limit on the number of times a participant may re-enroll as long as they meet all of the above criteria.

## **REPORTING**

Participants re-enrolled in the program will be considered new enrollments for the purpose of HVP-19 reporting.

## **CONTINUED ENROLLMENT WHERE STATUS OF THE CHILD HAS CHANGED**

In circumstances when the initial eligible child is no longer part of the household, HVP services may continue if the participant has another child(ren) in the home and the evidence-based model allows. Their participation in HVP will be completed once they have received 24 months of service.

## **MATERIAL GOODS FUNDS**

A household that is granted re-enrollment or continued enrollment is eligible for the remaining balance of what is left of the \$1,000 material goods fund from their initial enrollment. These funds are once-in-a-lifetime.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

As a reminder, CalWORKs HVP services are not entitlement services and participating County Welfare Departments may limit the number of families participating in the program and prioritize populations to ensure that the costs do not exceed the amount of funds awarded to the county for this purpose. Funding awarded for the purpose of home visiting services shall not supplant expenditures from any other existing funding sources subject to county control for home visiting services. Refer to [WIC Section 11330.6\(b\)](#) for more information.

If you have any questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the Program Innovation and Evaluation Bureau at (916) 654-5837 or email [CalWORKsHVP@dss.ca.gov](mailto:CalWORKsHVP@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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