

May 31, 2024

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 24-36**

The purpose of this All County Letter is to inform County Welfare Departments of the 2.88 percent increase to the vehicle value limit for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids, Refugee Cash Assistance, Entrant Cash Assistance and Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Programs, effective July 1, 2024.



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS  
ALL CALFRESH PROGRAM SPECIALISTS  
ALL COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS  
ALL COUNTY CONSORTIA REPRESENTATIVES

SUBJECT: VEHICLE VALUE LIMIT INCREASE FOR CALIFORNIA WORK  
OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS, ENTRANT  
CASH ASSISTANCE, AND TRAFFICKING AND CRIME VICTIMS  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

REFERENCE: [SENATE BILL \(SB\) 80 \(CHAPTER 440, STATUTES OF 2019\);](#)  
[WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE \(W&IC\) SECTION 11155](#)  
[AND W&IC 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, ACL NO. 19-67 AND ACL NO. 23-47](#)

The purpose of this letter is to inform County Welfare Departments of the 2.88 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, 2024. The [W&IC Sections 11155](#) and [11257](#) require adjustment of 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, 2024, the maximum value allowed for non-exempt vehicles will increase by 2.88 percent, per the increase reflected in the CPI-U. The new maximum non-exempt vehicle value limit will be **\$32,968**. The equity value for each motor vehicle in excess of **\$32,968** will be counted towards the maximum asset limit for CalWORKs, for applicants and recipients.

Future increases 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 regulations apply to financial eligibility and payments for RCA, 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 must also apply to RCA, ECA, and TCVAP applicants and recipients.

### **AUTOMATION**

Effective July 1, 2024, 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 [CWEligibilityPolicy@dss.ca.gov](mailto:CWEligibilityPolicy@dss.ca.gov).

For RCA, ECA, and TCVAP programs, contact the Refugee Programs Bureau at [RefugeePolicy@dss.ca.gov](mailto:RefugeePolicy@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

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