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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 25-43

The purpose of this letter is to provide guidance regarding the implementation of the new Electronic Benefit Transfer Benefit Type for cash benefits provided to families participating in California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Family Reunification.



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL COUNTY HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS
COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY CAL-LEARN PROGRAM COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY LINKAGES COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY EBT COORDINATORS
ALL CONSORTIA PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY
AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS FAMILY REUNIFICATION
ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER TYPE

REFERENCE: [ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) 23-94](#)

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is issuing this All County Letter (ACL) to provide details on the implementation of the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Family Reunification (FR) Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Benefit Type.

CALWORKS FAMILY REUNIFICATION BENEFIT TYPE IMPLEMENTATION

This new CalWORKs FR EBT Benefit Type, FMLYRU, is for the issuance of State non-maintenance of effort funds for all cash benefits, including Welfare-to-Work supportive service payments and CalWORKs Homeless Assistance payments, issued to families receiving CalWORKs FR cash benefits via EBT.

Until FMLYRU has been implemented in the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS), the County Welfare Department (CWD) is to use existing EBT Benefit Types automated by CalSAWS. There will be no retroactive changes once FMLYRU is automated. The CWD will not need to revise the Benefit Type for prior CalWORKs FR cash benefit issuances.

The California Health and Human Services Office of Technology and Solutions Integration will collaborate with the EBT vendor to implement the necessary updates within CalSAWS to ensure CalWORKs FR cash benefits issued by CalSAWS use the correct Benefit Type.

If you have any questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the CDSS EBT Policy Unit at CDSSEBT@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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