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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER**

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter is to provide County Welfare Departments with guidance regarding one federal waiver that, in response to the coronavirus emergency pandemic, has been extended for the month of July and through August 31, 2020: a waiver of the initial application and recertification interview (if certain criteria are met).



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**ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER**

**TO:** ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

**FROM:** JENNIFER HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT DIVISION

**SUBJECT:** CALFRESH EXTENSION OF WAIVER IN RESPONSE TO  
CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY: INITIAL AND RECERTIFICATION  
INTERVIEW

**REFERENCE:** [ACWDL APRIL 2, 2020](#); [ACWDL MAY 28, 2020](#); [ACWDL JUNE 15, 2020](#); [ACWDL JULY 16, 2020](#)

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) is to provide County Welfare Departments (CWDs) with guidance regarding current CalFresh waiver authority granted in response to the coronavirus pandemic emergency. Waiver authority is requested by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and approved by the US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service.

**Waiver Extension**

The following waiver is extended for the month of July and will continue through August 31, 2020:

- a waiver of the initial application and recertification interview (if certain criteria are met).

For detailed guidance on implementation of these waivers refer to the [ACWDL issued on April 2, 2020](#).

If you have questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the CalFresh Policy Bureau at (916) 651-8047.

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Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

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