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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER**

This letter transmits the final timeline for classifying CalWORKs overpayments incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency as administrative error pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 135 (Chapter 85, Statutes of 2021).



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

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

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO  
KIDS (CALWORKS): FINAL TIMELINE FOR CLASSIFYING  
OVERPAYMENTS INCURRED DURING THE COVID-19  
PANDEMIC EMERGENCY AS ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR

REFERENCE: [ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 135 \(CHAPTER 85, STATUTES OF 2021\)](#);  
MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (MPP) SECTIONS  
[MPP 44-350](#) AND [MPP 44-352](#); ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL)  
[ACL 21-85](#) AND [ACL 21-151](#)

The purpose of this letter is to notify County Welfare Departments (CWDs) that the final timeline for classifying CalWORKs overpayments incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency as administrative error (AE) is April 2020 through June 30, 2022.

As introduced in [AB 135](#) and implemented via [ACL 21-85](#), all CalWORKs overpayment claims established on or after August 1, 2021, which include the benefit months of April 2020 through the end of the COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency declaration or June 30, 2022, whichever date is sooner, must be classified as AE.

As the State of Emergency in California and the public health emergency declaration is still in effect as of June 1, 2022, and the CalWORKs error type must apply for the entire month, therefore the classification of overpayments incurred during the pandemic as AE must end on June 30, 2022.

As a reminder, the policy guidance provided in [ACL 21-85](#) applies to overpayment claims established effective August 1, 2021 and thereafter when the claims include the pandemic months between April 2020 through June 2022.

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