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TO:       RECIPIENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES’ (CDSS) LOCAL ASSISTANCE ESTIMATES BINDER

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This memorandum transmits the CDSS 2018 May Revision Local Assistance Estimates Binder for the 2018-19 Governor’s Budget. The estimates were prepared pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 10614.

This Estimates Binder encompasses Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 and provides detailed tables, caseload projections and methodologies used for developing the estimates for CDSS local assistance programs. The various sections in this binder include specific details, data, background information and additional resources to provide a better understanding of CDSS programs and the estimate methodologies. The enclosure provides a short description of each section or tab.

The 2018 May Revision Local Assistance Estimates Binder is also available on the CDSS Internet web site at: http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Fiscal-Financial/Local-Assistance-Estimates

If you have any questions, please contact the Fiscal Forecasting and Policy Branch at (916) 657-1668.

Enclosure
BINDER SECTIONS

The following sections/tabs of the CDSS Local Assistance Estimates Binder provide a streamlined and comprehensive overview of the budget package:

- **Acronyms**
  List of common acronyms used throughout the binder.

- **Executive Summary**
  High-level summary of significant budget and program changes.

- **Program History**
  Overall descriptions, funding eligibility and chronology of major changes for the local assistance programs.

- **Caseload**
  Charts and graphs depicting the history of changes in actual caseloads as compared to the trend forecasts.

- **Reference Documents**
  General caseload characteristics, demographic information, program data, summary charts and graphs reflective of the payment levels, rates and funding for various CDSS local assistance programs.

- **Detail Tables**
  Local assistance cost comparisons of each estimate. Expenditures are displayed as federal, state, county and reimbursement funds. The tables compare the following:
  - 2017-18 May Revision to the 2017-18 Appropriation
  - 2017-18 May Revision to the 2017-18 Previous Estimate*
  - 2018-19 May Revision to 2017-18 May Revision
  - 2018-19 May Revision to 2018-19 Governor’s Budget

- **2011 Realignment**
  High-level summaries, estimated caseloads, histories of rate changes and resources to other related information for the realigned programs.

- **Estimate Methodologies**
  Premise descriptions for each component of local assistance programs, which include background information, implementation date, key data/assumptions, methodology, reason for year-to-year change and expenditures.

- **Consolidated/Discontinued Premises**
  Premises for which expenditure estimates are no longer required or that have been merged together with other similar premises.

- **Index**
  Alphabetical listing of premise titles and corresponding page location.

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*Referenced in the 2018-19 Governor’s Budget Binder as the 2017-18 Revised Budget.*