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Ms. Nicole Pollack, Deputy Director  
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Human Services Agency  
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SUBJECT: COUNTY CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY  
TO KIDS (CaWORKs) PLAN CERTIFICATION

Dear Ms. Pollack:

I am writing to inform you that the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has certified Merced County's CalWORKs plan amendment that changes the methodology for establishing the CalWORKs client mileage reimbursement rate from the county's fleet rate for mid-size sedans to the county's fleet rate for full-size sedans (see enclosed). We apologize for the delay in the approval of your county's amendment. Unfortunately, the process that included verifying your county's methodology to ensure appropriate reimbursement is provided to CalWORKs recipients participating in the Welfare to Work (WTW) program took longer than expected. Additionally, there were staff turnover and competing priorities that further delayed the approval of your amendment.

If you have any questions about this matter, please call me at (916) 657-3546, or your staff can contact Joseph Jackson at (916) 651-6567.

Sincerely,

*Karen Dickerson*

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Deputy Director  
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Enclosure

## Merced County CalWORKs Plan Amendment

### G. Child Care and Transportation Services

#### 2. Transportation

Transportation Mileage reimbursement rate for CalWORKs participants who drive their own or someone else's vehicle to participate in CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work activities will be paid at the Merced County Fleet Operations and Maintenance (O&M) rate for full-size sedans or the Merced County (The Bus) public transportation rate, whichever is appropriate. Participants driving a vehicle must provide proof of a valid driver's license and a current vehicle registration prior to being authorized for payment. The fleet rate for full-size sedans will cover the cost of all fuels, coolants, lubricants, tires, periodic service/maintenance, and cost of vehicle repairs including parts and labor.