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Ms. Alison Lehman, Director Nevada County Department of Social Services Health & Human Services Department 950 Maidu Ave., PO Box 1210 Nevada City CA 95959

SUBJECT:

NEVADA COUNTY CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO

KIDS (CalWORKs) PLAN CERTIFICATION

Dear Ms. Lehman:

I am writing to inform you that the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has certified two of Nevada County's CalWORKs plan amendment requests.

The first amendment Nevada County submitted was on June 24, 2009 (see enclosed). This plan amends the Child Care Services Section of the county plan of who will manage Stage 1 child care services for the County. Stage 1 child care services will now be managed by Sierra Nevada Children's Community Services, or other funded alternative payment contract providers.

CDSS has also certified Nevada County's CalWORKs plan amendment request that was submitted on August 3, 2009 (see enclosed). This plan amends the Transportation Services Section of the county plan to reflect a Two Tier Reimbursement Rate. This two tier reimbursement rate plan sets a rate for the first 500 miles, and a lower rate for mileage over 500 miles per participant per month. The first tier rate is equal to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) mileage rate which covers standard vehicle operation costs, such as gas, oil, and tires. The second tier is based on 50 percent of the IRS rate.

If you have any questions about this matter, please call me at (916) 657-3546, or your staff can contact Laurence Lewis at 916-654-0699.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Director

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Enclosure

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Nevada County Plan Binder

Nevada County Plan Amendment to Child Care Policy

Child Care Services

Sierra Nevada Children's Community Services, or other funded alternative payment contract providers, will manage CalWORKs Stages 1, 2 and 3 child care services.

Nevada County Plan Amendment to Transportation Policy

Transportation

To the extent available, transportation services will be primarily provided by the local transit service provider for CalWORKs recipients who lack transportation of their own. When there is no public transportation available and the participant is using a personal vehicle, the participant will be reimbursed at the standard mileage rate" established and published annually by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The participant will be reimbursed for qualifying mileage following a two tiered system. The first five hundred (500) miles in a calendar month will be reimbursed at 100% of the IRS rate. Mileage that exceeds 500 miles in a calendar month will be reimbursed at 50% of the IRS rate. Strong advocacy by employment and training providers will ensure unmet transportation needs within the community continue to be identified and met through the Transportation Commissions established "unmet needs" process.