

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING: October 18, 2005 – CONSENT	AGENDA NO:
SUBJECT: Amend the Monterey County CalWORKs County Plan by: a) adding Sections (r) and (s) and b) deleting original Sections (g), (h), and (m) and replacing them with amended Sections (g), (h), and (m).	
DEPARTMENT: Social & Employment Services	

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors amend the Monterey County CalWORKs County Plan by:

- a) Adding Sections (r) and (s); and
- b) Deleting original Sections (g), (h), and (m) and replacing them with amended Sections (g), (h), and (m).

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

The Board of Supervisors approved the Monterey County CalWORKs Plan on January 6, 1998. The amendments reflect legislative changes and recommendations from the Department of Social and Employment Services to improve efficiency and equity. The amendments:

1. Add a Department of Labor Welfare-To-Work Grant Addendum [Section (r)] required by state law.
2. Add policies governing automobile repairs and mileage reimbursement rates [Section (s)], which clarify eligibility for automobile repairs and establish a mileage reimbursement rate consistent with Internal Revenue Service guidelines.
3. Amend Section (h) to include the current Monterey County CalWORKs Community Service Plan.
4. Amend Section (g) Child Care and Transportation Services to clarify policy and definitions for CalWORKs child care and establish policy on the amount of time a customer may be excused from Welfare-To-Work participation following birth or adoption of a child.
5. Amend Section (m) to establish two 6-month periods of eligibility for Retention Services, an optional program that provides case management and supportive services for employed customers who no longer receive cash assistance.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

CalWORKs customers, agencies that work with CalWORKs customers, and the general public were invited to four public forums held between January 21, 2004 and February 2, 2004 to discuss the proposed amendments. More than 100 individuals participated. Some changes were made to the proposals as a result of the comments received. Certification of the amendments as legal and acceptable by the California Department of Social Services was received in August 2005.

FINANCING:

There is no direct impact to the FY 2005-06 Budget. It is estimated that there will be modest long-term cost savings as a result of implementation of the policies. Expenditures for transportation and work-related expenses made on behalf of CalWORKs customers will likely decrease.

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