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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 13-69

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK COORDINATORS  
ALL TRIBAL TANF ADMINISTRATORS  
ALL TRIBAL CHAIRPERSONS  
ALL COUNTY TRIBAL TANF LIAISONS

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) AND CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) TIME LIMIT EXEMPTION FOR RECIPIENTS LIVING IN INDIAN COUNTRY WHERE THE UNEMPLOYMENT OF ADULTS IS 50 PERCENT OR HIGHER

REFERENCE: All County Letter (ACL) 11-41, ACL 10-24, ACL 09-29, ACL 08-28E, ACL 07-25, ACL 06-23, ACL 05-16, ACL 04-20, and ACL 12-30

The purpose of this All County Letter (ACL) is to report on the results of a survey that the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) recently completed. The purpose of the survey was to document whether federally recognized tribes in the state have experienced 50 percent or higher unemployment among adults in their tribal service areas in the previous calendar year. The process of conducting the survey and publishing the results allows the CDSS to act as a conduit to inform the counties if the Indian Country residents who participate in a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program qualify for the federal and state time limit exemption.

As provided in state regulations, [Manual of Policies and Procedures \(MPP\) Section 42-302.21\(h\)](#) and in the Code of Federal Regulations [45 C.F.R. 286.115(d)(3)], counties and Tribal TANF programs are required to exempt from the state and federal TANF program time limit any month in which an individual is on aid and lives in Indian Country or an Alaskan Native Village, where at least 50 percent of the adults were not employed.

The attached chart shows the Indian Country areas that responded to the CDSS' survey and indicated that the unemployment of adults was fifty percent or higher during calendar year 2012. Individuals who lived in these areas during this year qualify for the time limit exemption for those specified months. If an individual lived in Indian Country in an area not listed on the attachment, the individual, the county, or the Tribal TANF program can obtain written documentation from a federally recognized tribe that the individual lived where the unemployment of adults was fifty percent or more. That certification from the tribe qualifies the individual for the time limit exemption. The exemption may be applicable to a complete calendar year or any month in the year.

Please note that as of July 1, 2011, the CalWORKs time limit is 48 months. The federal TANF time limit for aid remains at 60 months. Instructions on the new CalWORKs time limit were issued in [ACL 11-33](#).

Counties are reminded that CalWORKs applicants and recipients must be informed of all time limit requirements, including the process to claim exemptions as set forth in [MPP Section 42-302.3](#), and must be provided information on their time on aid at specific intervals as required in [MPP Section 40-107\(a\)\(4\)](#). Those counties in which a Tribal TANF program operates may need to provide verification of clients' CalWORKs time on aid, including any time limit exemptions, to the Tribal TANF Program Administrator. The Tribal TANF Program Administrator will notify their clients of their remaining time on aid for purposes of the TANF 60-month time limit.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need additional information regarding the time limit, please contact your CalWORKs County Consultant or the CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau at (916) 654-1322.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

TODD BLAND  
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Welfare to Work Division

Attachment

**INDIAN COUNTRY AREAS THAT QUALIFY FOR THE TANF AND CalWORKs PROGRAM  
TIME LIMIT EXEMPTION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012\* PER UNEMPLOYMENT OF  
ADULTS AT A LEVEL OF 50 PERCENT OR HIGHER**

NOTE: \*CalWORKs time limit changed to 48 months as of July 1, 2011. The federal TANF time limit remains at 60 months.

<b>INDIAN COUNTRY AREA</b>	<b>PRIMARY ZIP CODE<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>COUNTY<sup>2</sup></b>
Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria	95551	Humboldt
Big Pine Band of Owens Valley	93513	Inyo
Big Sandy Rancheria	93602	Fresno
Big Valley Rancheria	95453	Lake
Cahuilla Band of Indians	92539	Imperial
California Valley Miwok Tribe	95212	San Joaquin
Campo Band of Mission Indians	91906	San Diego
Cher-Ae Heights Indian-Trinidad Rancheria	95519	Humboldt
Cold Springs Rancheria	93667	Fresno
Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians	95470	Mendocino
Enterprise Rancheria	95966	Butte
Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians	91901	San Diego
Fort Bidwell Reservation	96112	Modoc
Guidiville Band of Pomo Indians	95481	Mendocino
Hoop Valley Tribe	95546	Humboldt
Ione Band of Miwok Indians	95669	Amador
Ipay Nation of San Ysabel	92070	San Diego
Inaja-Cosmit Band of Mission Indians	92025	San Diego
Karuk Tribe of California	96039	Siskiyou
Karuk Tribe of California	95556	Humboldt
La Posta Band of Mission Indians	91905	San Diego
La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians	92061	San Diego
Manchester Band of Pomo Indians	95468	Mendocino
Paiute-Cedarville Rancheria	96101	Modoc
Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians	95963	Glenn
Ramona Band of Cahuilla	92539	Imperial
Resighini Rancheria	95548	Del Norte
Rincon Indian Reservation	92082	San Diego
Round Valley Reservation	95428	Mendocino
San Pasqual Band of Indians	92082	San Diego
Santa Rosa Indian Reservation	92539	Riverside
Table Bluff Rancheria	95501	Humboldt
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	92274	Riverside
Tule River Reservation	93257	Tulare
Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe	93512	Mono

<sup>1</sup> INDIAN COUNTRY AREA REPORTING MAY EXTEND MORE THAN ONE ZIP CODE

<sup>2</sup> INDIAN COUNTRY AREAS MAY INCLUDE MORE THAN ONE COUNTY