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ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

FROM: TODD R. BLAND
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SUBJECT: CalWORKs WELFARE-TO-WORK COUNTY SITE VISITS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) would like to inform you of upcoming site monitoring visits to review county implementation of California Work Opportunity and Responsibility To Kids (CalWORKs) program changes enacted by Senate Bill 1041(Chapter 47, Statutes of 2012), including the Welfare-to-Work 24-Month Time Clock and alignment to federal participation hours. The visits will begin in late May 2013 and continue through early November 2013, during which time CDSS will visit the 19 largest counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Merced, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Solano, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Ventura). In 2014, from January through October, CDSS will visit the remaining 39 counties.

These site monitoring visits will be one day in duration. CDSS will outreach to each county individually to schedule the visit. The information gathered during the visit will be shared with CalWORKs stakeholders, including legislative staff and welfare advocates.

CDSS will be working with our county partners, the California Welfare Directors Association, and welfare advocates to develop and finalize the site visit monitoring tools--such as interview questionnaires and case file review checklists--that will be used on the day of the visit to evaluate county progress on implementing the new rules.

We look forward to open collaboration with you and your staff to ensure the continued success of the CalWORKs program. If you have any questions or would like to further discuss the information in this letter, please contact Kären Dickerson, Chief, Employment and Eligibility Branch, at (916) 651-6562.