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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-77-09

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 WELFARE TO WORK COORDINATORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM COORDINATORS
ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT OUTREACH PUBLICATIONS – 2009 REVISIONS

The purpose of this letter is to notify counties that the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) outreach publications, Pub 428 and Pub 429, have been revised for tax year 2009. The publications were originally produced by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) in 2007 to strengthen state and county efforts to promote the EITC to our CalWORKs and Food Stamp client population. They were revised last year to reflect increased income and credit limits for the 2008 tax year.

For tax year 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provides a temporary increase in the EITC for taxpayers with three or more qualifying children, and increases the income limits and maximum credit amount for all tax filers. ARRA also changes the Child Tax Credit (CTC) rules to allow taxpayers with lower income to qualify for the benefit.

The 2009 Pub 428 and 429 revisions include information about the new income thresholds and benefit amounts for the EITC and the CTC, how to get advance EITC, how to file for retroactive EITC back three years, and referral phone numbers and websites for information on how to get free tax help.

The publications are in English on one side and Spanish on the other. The Pub 428 is a Z fold brochure format; the Pub 429 is a one page flyer format. Both publications are available for download at the Department's web page at: <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdssweb/PG167.htm>. Samples are attached.

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CDSS recognizes that many counties already have existing EITC outreach campaigns in process, and CDSS strongly encourages continuation of those efforts. These materials are provided to augment EITC outreach efforts where needed. Counties are encouraged to reproduce and distribute the flyer and brochure at their own discretion.

If you have any questions about these publications please contact your CalWORKs county consultant, or call our main CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau number at (916) 654-1322.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

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Attachments