

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



March 15, 2000

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NO. I-28-00

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

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

SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF CENSUS EMPLOYMENT WHICH DOES NOT EXCEED MORE THAN TWO MONTHS FOR CalWORKs PROGRAM PURPOSES

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER 00-18, MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (MPP) SECTION 44-315.8

The purpose of this notice is to provide counties with additional clarifying information which was not provided in ACL 00-18 regarding the treatment of earnings received from 2000 Census temporary employment for CalWORKs Cash Aid Program purposes.

We recently learned from the Census Bureau that most public assistance recipients hired for the 2000 Census will be working from 20 to 40 hours per week with an hourly wage ranging from \$9.00 to \$15.50 per hour depending on their region. They also informed us that the majority of jobs would last from 6 to 8 weeks, although some jobs may last until August 2000. For those individuals who are only expected to work 6 to 8 weeks, we are reminding counties to apply a suspense for a maximum of two consecutive months rather than a discontinuance for those cases with income that exceeds the income eligibility limit due to their two-month 2000 Census employment. A suspense would be applied on the basis that it is not certain whether their income will result in ineligibility for only one payment month or possibly two due to the fluctuation in amount of weeks (6 to 8) or hours an individual may work. This will ensure that recipients who accept these short-term jobs do not have to reapply for aid or lose their link to CalWORKs-based supportive services.

If you have further questions, please contact Julie Lopes at (916) 654-1786.

Sincerely,

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