

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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January 8, 2003

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-01-03

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM COORDINATORS**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: FEDERAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES  
(TANF) 60-MONTH TIME LIMIT - STATE CONTACTS FOR  
TIME-ON-AID VERIFICATION

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) 99-90

The purpose of this ACIN is to provide the names of persons in other states that can be contacted to obtain federal TANF time-on-aid information for applicants and recipients applying for or receiving California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs).

As noted in prior communications with the counties, federal and state law and regulations limit TANF and CalWORKs to 60-months on aid. For these reasons, when an applicant provides information that they received aid in another state, the county is required to contact the other state(s) in order to determine the number of months of TANF-funded assistance received by the applicant family. For the state CalWORKs clock, counties must track aid received in California and other states on and after January 1, 1998. In recording months of aid received in other states, counties must also apply the exemption to the 60-month limit for individuals who lived in Indian Country or an Alaskan Native village with at least 50 percent unemployment.

In order to help county staff to determine time-on-aid in other states, we completed a telephone survey in the fall of 2002 and developed the attached chart with state contact persons and phone numbers. If you are unable to obtain the federal time-on-aid information using these numbers, please refer to the American Public Human Services Agency website at <http://www.aphsa.org/> to find the state's administrative telephone number and ask to be redirected. The Department plans to update this listing no less than annually and is in the process of making the chart available on the Department's website. Also, for your reference, we have attached a listing of states' TANF implementation dates, which may assist you in determining the countable TANF funded aid used in the other state.

If you have questions regarding this information or you obtain updated information that affects this listing, please contact Cheryl Almquist, CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau at (916) 653-9546. For questions regarding the 60-month time limits, please contact Charissa S. Miguelino, CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau at (916) 657-3665.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by***

***Charr Lee Metsker on 1/8/03***

CHARR LEE METSKER, Chief  
Employment and Eligibility Branch

Attachments

c: CWDA  
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## STATE IMPLEMENTATION DATES FOR TANF PROGRAM

<b>STATE</b>	<b>DATE SUBJECT TO TANF</b>
ALABAMA	NOVEMBER 15, 1996
ALASKA	JULY 1, 1997
ARIZONA	OCTOBER 1, 1996
ARKANSAS	JULY 1, 1997
CALIFORNIA	NOVEMBER 26, 1996 <sup>1</sup>
COLORADO	JULY 1, 1997
CONNECTICUT	OCTOBER 1, 1996
DELAWARE	MARCH 10, 1997
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	MARCH 1, 1997
FLORIDA	OCTOBER 1, 1996
GEORGIA	JANUARY 1, 1997
HAWAII	JULY 1, 1997
IDAHO	JULY 1, 1997
ILLINOIS	JULY 1, 1997
INDIANA	OCTOBER 1, 1996
IOWA	JANUARY 1, 1997
KANSAS	OCTOBER 1, 1996
KENTUCKY	OCTOBER 18, 1996
LOUISIANA	JANUARY 1, 1997
MAINE	NOVEMBER 1, 1996
MARYLAND	DECEMBER 9, 1996
MASSACHUSETTS	SEPTEMBER 30, 1996
MICHIGAN	SEPTEMBER 30, 1996
MINNESOTA	JULY 1, 1997
MISSISSIPPI	OCTOBER 1, 1996
MISSOURI	DECEMBER 1, 1996
MONTANA	FEBRUARY 1, 1997
NEBRASKA	DECEMBER 1, 1996
NEVADA	DECEMBER 3, 1996
NEW HAMPSHIRE	OCTOBER 1, 1996
NEW JERSEY	FEBRUARY 1, 1997

<sup>1</sup> TANF funding was issued on December 1, 1996.

## STATE IMPLEMENTATION DATES FOR TANF PROGRAM

<b>STATE</b>	<b>DATE SUBJECT TO TANF</b>
NEW MEXICO	JULY 1, 1997
NEW YORK	DECEMBER 2, 1996
NORTH CAROLINA	JANUARY 1, 1997
NORTH DAKOTA	JULY 1, 1997
OHIO	OCTOBER 1, 1996
OKLAHOMA	OCTOBER 1, 1996
OREGON	OCTOBER 1, 1996
PENNSYLVANIA	MARCH 3, 1997
RHODE ISLAND	MARCH 1, 1997
SOUTH CAROLINA	OCTOBER 12, 1996
SOUTH DAKOTA	DECEMBER 1, 1996
TENNESSEE	OCTOBER 1, 1996
TEXAS	NOVEMBER 5, 1996
UTAH	OCTOBER 1, 1996
VERMONT	SEPTEMBER 20, 1996
VIRGINIA	FEBRUARY 1, 1997
WASHINGTON	JANUARY 10, 1997
WEST VIRGINIA	JANUARY 11, 1997
WISCONSIN	SEPTEMBER 30, 1996
WYOMING	JANUARY 1, 1997