

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-22-03

TO: 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: COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) FOR THE MAXIMUM AID PAYMENT (MAP) AND MINIMUM BASIC STANDARD OF ADEQUATE CARE (MBSAC) LEVELS IN THE CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) PROGRAM

REFERENCE: WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTIONS 11450 AND 11453

The purpose of this letter is to provide information regarding the anticipated CalWORKs COLA for the 2003 state fiscal year which is due to be effective June 1, 2003. Due to budgetary constraints facing California, the Governor's proposed budget, as well as current introduced legislation, proposes to suspend this year's COLA in an effort to help balance the State's deficit.

The Department is anticipating that legislation will pass suspending the COLA prior to the June 1, 2003 effective date in which case current MAP and MBSAC levels for the CalWORKs program will remain at the current levels. However, if no legislation or budget is passed authorizing the suspension of the June 1, 2003 COLA, county welfare departments will be notified immediately of the implementation schedule.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Eden-Marie Eulingbough at (916) 653-4992.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
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c: CWDA
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