September 7, 2004

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-62-04

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
    ALL IEVS COORDINATORS
    ALL CHIEF INVESTIGATORS

SUBJECT: INCOME AND ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM (IEVS)
         RECIPIENT WAGE MATCH

The purpose of this letter is to inform the counties that the discrepancy levels on the January through March 2004 Integrated Earnings Clearance/Fraud Detection System (IFD) quarterly wage match will be raised to $1,000 for both CalWORKs and Food Stamp cases. It is expected that the counties will receive the IFD match with the new discrepancy levels applied in the second week of September 2004.

The discrepancy levels (currently at $301 for CalWORKs and $701 for Food Stamps) have been raised to give consideration to the earned income disregards applied to each program, making the match more cost beneficial to process. In addition, by raising the discrepancy levels, it is anticipated that the number of matches received by the county will decrease. Counties still have the option to receive matches under the discrepancy level (IFD460) and/or the mismatch cases (IFO530). During the next 12 months, routine input from the counties as well as the various workgroups will be requested to assess the effect this policy change is having on IFD processing.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact Gary Grayson, Acting Chief of the Fraud Bureau, at (916) 263-5700.

Sincerely.

Original Signed By
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   IEVS Coordinators