June 18, 2004

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-41-04

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
   ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

SUBJECT: COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) FOR THE MAXIMUM AID
PAYMENT (MAP) AND THE MINIMUM BASIC STANDARD OF ADEQUATE
CARE (MBSAC) LEVELS IN THE CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND
RESPONSIBILITIES 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 2004 state fiscal year which is due to be effective July 1, 2004. Due to budgetary constraints
facing California, the Governor’s proposed budget proposes to suspend this year’s COLA in an
effort to help balance the State’s deficit. In addition, the Governor’s proposed budget and current
introduced legislation would permanently make October 1st each year the effective date for the
CalWORKs COLA.

The Governor’s budget assumes that legislation will pass suspending the COLA prior to the
July 1, 2004 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 July 1, 2004 COLA, county welfare departments will be provided with
implementation instructions as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Vince Toolan at (916) 654-1808.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
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CHARR LEE METSKER, Chief
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c: CWDA
   CSAC