

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-29-07

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: CalWORKs MAXIMUM FAMILY GRANT (MFG) REQUIREMENT REMINDER

REFERENCE: All County Letter (AGL) 00-78 dated November 30, 2000

The purpose of this notice is to remind counties of the existing MFG regulations and policy when applying the MFG rule to CalWORKs Assistance Units (AUs). Counties must provide the attached CW 2102 which contains a written acknowledgement of receipt of the informing notice at application and at every annual redetermination. This form must be signed and dated by the applicant/recipient each time it is provided. A copy is to be given to the applicant/recipient and the original must be maintained in the case file.

To apply the MFG rule on or after November 1, 2002, the county must do all of the following:

- Have a copy of the signed CW 2102 (or documentation of a refusal to sign) that was provided to the AU at the most recent redetermination at least ten months prior to the birth of the child. If the AU has not been on aid long enough to have had a redetermination ten months prior to the birth of the child, then the signed CW 2102 provided at application, at least 10 months prior to the birth of the child, will apply (AGL 00-78).
- Determine if the AU had a break-in-aid for two consecutive months during the ten months before the birth of the child as provided in MPP Section 44-314.32.
- Determine if the AU meets any of the exceptions to the MFG rule listed in MPP Section 44-314.5.

If there is no signed CW 2102 (or record as described above) that the applicant/recipient was notified of the MFG rule at application or the most recent redetermination at least ten months before the child's birth, whichever is later, the MFG rule does not apply to the AU. Several examples follow to illustrate the application of the MFG rule:

Example 1:

A child was born on November 5, 2006, into a CalWORKs AU that has been on aid since December 2002. The family's most recent redetermination was in December 2005. For the MFG rule to apply, the family's CalWORKs case file must contain a signed acknowledgement of receipt of the CW 2102 from the redetermination in December 2005.

Example 2:

A CalWORKs AU has been on aid since August 2004 and their new child was born on October 2, 2006. The family was redetermined and signed the CW 2102 in July 2005. The family's July 2006 redetermination was completed but the CW 2102 is missing from the case file. The MFG rule applies to the new child because the CalWORKs case file contains a signed CW 2102 from the most recent redetermination (July 2005) that is at least ten months before the child's birth. Although there was a more recent redetermination in July 2006, it did not occur at least 10 months prior to the birth of the child, so the CW 2102 signed in July 2005 would be the applicable CW 2102 in this case situation.

Example 3:

A CalWORKs AU signed the CW 2102 and has been on aid since July 2005, they go off aid March 1, 2006, and are reinstated on April 10, 2006. They are redetermined and their CW 2102 is signed in July 2006. A new child is born August 3, 2006, and the MFG rule applies to the new child because the family had a break-in-aid of less than two consecutive months during the ten months before the birth of the child and there is an applicable CW 2102 in the case that was signed in July 2005.

Forms/Translations/Services

Each county must provide bilingual/interpretive services and written translations to non-English or limited English speaking populations as required by the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act (Government Code Section 7920 et seq.) and by State regulations in Manual of Policies and Procedures Section 21-115.

If you have any questions or need further information regarding the MFG rule, please contact your CalWORKs county consultant for assistance.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By
Karen Dickerson on 5/24/07

KAREN DICKERSON, Chief
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c: CWDA
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