## **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE5**

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TO: ALL CXJUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: FDRMATION OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT, FRAUD BUREAU, COSS

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is pleased to announce the formation of a special investigation unit within the department's Welfare Programs Division.

The primary responsibility of the unit will be invest1gatin9 violations of Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 10980, with an emphasis on state-only **programs or providing investigative services where such services are currently** limited or unavailable (such as Supplemental Security Income/State Supplerrentary Program (SSI/SSP) or In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) incertain regions).

In addition to the above duties, the unit will be available to assist or support the county special investigative units in a number of situations regarding suspicions of welfare fraud. Some of the services we can provide are:

- o Assistance or lead in multiple jurisdiction fraud
- Assistance with uncovered case.loads. This can occur where a county with, say, a one and two person operation finds the position(s) vacant for an extended period.
- o Internal affairs
- o Errq:Jloyee fraud
- 0 Out-of-your area service of sut;i.:oenas and/or warrants
- 0 Dei;x)sitions from out-of-area witnesses ur related evide11ce qathering
- 0 Assistance in other highly complex or exlra sensitive invf:-'stigations
- Irm'l:2diate neec1 investigations. These can occur when a situation a.rises that is so urgent it would be detrimental to use the normal investigation request pnx:edure. In these cases, please ca.l] as outlined below ,rnd then follow up with the norm3l referral pnx:ess.



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