

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-83-99

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL WELFARE TO WORK COORDINATORS**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: EQUITABLE ACCESS TO CalWORKs SERVICES

REFERENCE: ASSEMBLY BILL 1542 (CHAPTER 270, STATUTES OF 1997)

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of their responsibility to American Indian Tribes in the administration of the CalWORKs program, and to provide information that may assist in meeting this responsibility. As required by federal legislation, California has certified in its State Plan that it provides each member of an Indian tribe, who is not eligible for assistance under a tribal family assistance plan, with equitable access to assistance under the state program. In addition, Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10553.2 (d) requires each county to consult with all eligible federally recognized tribes within any portion of the county, for the purpose of:

- Providing American Indian recipients with equitable access to assistance under the state program or an approved Tribal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program if implemented in the county,
- Determining county expenditures for tribal recipients, and
- Consideration of transfers of funding and administration responsibilities to those entities.

Assistance under this program includes access to services such as mental health and substance abuse treatment. Therefore, counties are encouraged to contact tribes in their counties to assess the level of access of services to recipients in their county. A list of Indian health clinics is attached to aid in your efforts to assess the level of need and resources available to this population.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your Work Support Services analyst at (916) 654-1424.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
Jo Weber

JO WEBER, Chief
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