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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 11-41

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
 ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
 ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK COORDINATORS
 ALL TRIBAL TANF ADMINISTRATORS
 ALL TRIBAL CHAIRPERSONS
 ALL COUNTY TRIBAL TANF LIAISONS

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) AND CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) 60-MONTH TIME LIMIT EXEMPTION FOR CalWORKs RECIPIENTS LIVING IN INDIAN COUNTRY WHERE THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS 50 PERCENT OR HIGHER

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTERS (ACL) 10-24, 09-29, 08-28E, 07-25, 06-23, 05-16, and 04-20

This letter transmits the calendar year 2010 list of California Tribal Reservations and Rancherias that have provided information on unemployment rates of 50 percent or higher for the federal TANF and CalWORKs time limit exemption for those individuals living in Indian Country.

As provided in state regulations, Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Section 42-302.21(h), counties are required to exempt from the state and federal 60-month time limit any month in which an individual is on aid and lives in Indian Country or an Alaskan Native Village, where the unemployment rate is 50 percent or higher. In an effort to assist the counties in applying this time limit exemption, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) contacted the Tribal Reservations and Rancherias throughout California and obtained their unemployment rates.

Effective July 1, 2011, the CalWORKs time limit will be 48 months. The federal TANF time limit for aid will remain at 60-months. Instructions on the new CalWORKs time limit were issued in ACL 11-33.

The attached chart shows the Tribal Reservations and Rancherias that responded to CDSS' request and listed their unemployment rate as 50 percent or higher during calendar year 2010. Individuals who lived in these areas during this year qualify for the time limit exemption for those specified months. If an individual lived in Indian Country in an area not listed on the attachment, the individual or the county can obtain written substantiation from a Native American Tribe that the individual lived where the unemployment rate was at least 50 percent. Upon that written substantiation, the individual will qualify for this time limit exemption.

Counties are reminded that CalWORKs applicants and recipients must be informed of all time limit requirements, including the process to claim exemptions as set forth in MPP Section 42-302.3, and must be provided information on their time on aid at specific intervals as required in MPP Section 40-107(a)(4). Those counties in which a Tribal TANF program operates may need to provide verification of clients' CalWORKs time on aid, including any time limit exemptions, to the Tribal TANF Program Administrator. The Tribal TANF Program Administrator will notify their clients of their remaining time on aid for purposes of the TANF 60-month time limit.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need additional information regarding the 60-month time limit, please contact your CalWORKs County Consultant or the CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau at (916) 654-1322.

Sincerely,

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Attachment