

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



December 22, 2003

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 03-62

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CHILD CARE COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS

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: STAGE ONE CHILD CARE RESERVE FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003/04

REFERENCE: COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 03/04-10

This letter is in regard to the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Stage One Child Care reserve funding for fiscal year 2003/04.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has monitored the need for Stage One Child Care funding for the current year. This has been done by reviewing the caseload data submitted by counties on the CW115 and CW115A reports. This data suggests that Stage One caseloads are lower than the projected caseloads used to develop the appropriation levels. This data, along with current fiscal claims, suggests that expenditures are likely to be lower than projected as well. In addition, it is anticipated that provider payments will be lower than historical levels once counties have fully implemented the recent Regional Market Rate (RMR) changes. These changes to the RMR will result in savings for each county. Therefore, it appears that counties are adequately funded for their child care expenses and will not need to request reserve funding this year.

If your county determines that funding is inadequate and you anticipate being unable to provide child care services to CalWORKs families, please notify CDSS in writing. Correspondence should be sent to CDSS prior to discontinuing or placing limits on child care services. Please address such correspondence to:

Venus Garth, Branch Chief
Work Services Branch, Welfare to Work Division
Attn: CalWORKs Reserve Funding
744 P Street, MS 6-43
Sacramento, California 95814

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Any questions regarding this All County Letter should be directed to Venus Garth, Chief, Work Services Branch, at (916) 657-3442 or Lyn Vice, Chief, Child Care Programs Bureau, at (916) 657-2144.

Sincerely,

Original signed on 12/22/2003 by:

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c: CWDA