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[ ] Federal Law or Regulation Change

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[ ] Court Order

#### DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



June 25, 2004

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 04-24

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

ALL COUNTY CHILD CARE COORDINATORS

ALL COUNTY WELFARE TO WORK COORDINATORS

ALL ALTERNATE PAYMENT PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: NEW FORM – CalWORKs CHILD CARE REIMBURSEMENT REPORT

(CCP 2145)

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 03-18, DATED APRIL 29, 2003

### <u>Purpose</u>

This letter transmits a new form, CCP 2145, CalWORKs Child Care Reimbursement Report. This form replaces the TEMP 2145, CalWORKs Child Care Eligibility Report. This is a recommended form; substitutes are permitted with approval from the Child Care Programs Bureau.

The California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and Food Stamp Programs are implementing a Quarterly Reporting (QR) system in place of monthly reporting for calculation of cash assistance. Since QR does not apply to child care, this form is intended to provide a means of reporting changes that may affect a client's eligibility for child care.

Included in the CCP 2145 is a statement reminding clients of change reporting requirements for child care. This statement is intended to remind current and former clients about the need to report changes in family size, family composition, and family income that may impact monthly child care eligibility or family fee computation. This is not intended to duplicate established county processes that already address capturing the required information.

## **Background**

All County Letter (ACL) 03-18 provided information to the counties regarding the new QR system. As stated in the ACL, QR does not apply to child care, transportation, or other ancillary services that a CalWORKs client receives. As a result of the implementation of QR for CalWORKs and Food Stamps, county child care programs will no longer receive reported changes in income, family size, and family composition from monthly eligibility reports; i.e., CW7, SAWS7.

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Current Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Section 47-320.27 establishes the client's responsibility to report changes in family size and composition or changes in family income. Since child care is paid based on need, both current and former recipients must report when an absent parent of a child receiving child care moves into the home. When a parent has moved into the home, the county must evaluate whether that additional parent in the home is able and available to care for the child during the hours child care is otherwise needed. Also, if an additional child moves into the home, including a newborn, the family's need for care would increase.

In addition to the above, reporting changes in income and family size continue to be required for family fee purposes. If a parent of a child receiving child care subsidy moves into the home and is not considered in the CalWORKs grant calculation, his/her income must be counted for family fee determinations. If a change in income results in a new family fee income threshold being reached, a new family fee will be assessed.

Further, MPP Section 47-420.21 states that a child care payment will be made only when the client provides, on a monthly basis, the number of hours of care given per child and the cost per child on a document signed by both the provider and the client. Therefore, families who wish to receive subsidized child care must continue to provide on a monthly basis the necessary information to process child care payments. This information is captured on the CCP 2145.

### Changes to the Form

Below is a summary of the changes that were made to the CCP 2145:

- The form number and name of the TEMP 2145 have been changed to the CCP 2145, CalWORKs Child Care Reimbursement Report.
- The instructions have been modified to specify that the form be sent to the child care worker each month instead of being included with the CA 7/SAWS 7.
- The certification section of Part A has been revised as follows:
  - Minor wording changes have been made to some statements.
  - The following statements to remind clients to report changes in family size/composition or changes in family income have been added:
    - I must report to my child care worker any time a parent of a child receiving child care moves into my home or another child moves into my home, including newborns.

• I must report if my family income has reached or is over the following family fee income thresholds and has changed since last reported to child care:

Family Size *	Monthly Income
1-2	\$1,820 per month
3	\$1,950 per month
4	\$2,167 per month
5 or more	\$2,513 per month

<sup>\*</sup>Family size includes adults and children related by blood, marriage, or adoption that live in the home of the child receiving child care.

- References to sharing information with other entities have been eliminated from Parts A and B.
- The declarations under Parts A and B have been amended to clarify that clients are subject to California law regarding perjury.
- The revision date should be 5/04.

## Camera-Ready Copies

For camera-ready copies of this form in English, please call the Forms Management Unit at (916) 657-1907. As an alternative, you may e-mail your request to fmu@dss.ca.gov. This form is available as a master only; printed stock will not be maintained at the warehouse. If you need several forms, you may fax your request to (916) 657-3429.

#### **Translations**

Counties are required to provide bilingual/interpretive services and written translations to non-English speaking populations in accordance with MPP, Division 21, Civil Rights Nondiscrimination, Section 115. Translations of this form are available. Completed translations in other languages are posted on an on-going basis on our website and can be found at: <a href="http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdssweb/FormsandPu">http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdssweb/FormsandPu</a> 274.htm. If you have questions regarding translated forms, please contact Languages Services at (916) 445-6778.

#### Disposition of Old Forms:

Counties are instructed to begin using the CCP 2145 upon receipt. To ensure compliance with program regulation, copies of the Temp 2145 should be destroyed.

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## **Contact**

If you have any questions or need further information regarding this letter or the attached form, please contact Suzanne McNamee in the Child Care Programs Bureau, at (916) 657-3815.

Sincerely,

BRUCE WAGSTAFF Deputy Director Welfare to Work Division

Attachments

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