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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 08-28

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

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 FIFTY PERCENT OR HIGHER

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTERS 06-23, 05-16, 04-20, 03-37, 02-91 AND 07-25

This letter transmits the calendar year 2007 list of California Tribal Reservations and Rancherias that have provided information on unemployment rates of fifty percent or higher for the 60-month 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 fifty 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.

The attached chart shows the Tribal Reservations and Rancherias that responded to CDSS' request and listed their unemployment rate as fifty percent or higher during 2007. Individuals who lived in these areas qualify for the time limit exemption during this year. If an individual that lived in Indian Country in an area not listed on the

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

attachment can provide substantiation from a Native American Tribe that he or she lived where the unemployment rate was at least fifty percent, then that individual will also 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.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

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c: CWDA  
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