

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 01/02-48

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS  
COUNTY AUDITOR CONTROLLERS  
COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: CHILD CITIZENSHIP ACT OF 2000 - CALIFORNIA WORK  
OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) AND  
FOOD STAMP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

REFERENCES: All-County Letter (ACL) No. 01-81, Dated November 21, 2001

This letter provides assistance claiming information related to the Child Citizenship Act of 2000 which became effective February 27, 2001. Counties must perform a retroactive eligibility determination for the population affected by the Act. Retroactive eligibility can affect individuals who were denied benefits as well as those who were determined to be eligible under the State-Only CalWORKs program (aid code 3G). A child born outside of the United States automatically becomes a United States citizen when certain conditions have been met (please refer to ACL No. 01-81 for specific information). In order to determine the child's citizenship status, the county must verify the following information:

- Citizenship status of at least one parent;
- Age of the child;
- Residency status of the child;
- Legal relationship of the child to the parent; and
- In the case of adopted children, whether the child is under the age of 16 and has resided in the legal and physical custody of the citizen parent(s) for at least two years (sibling children adopted by same parent(s) have until the age of 18).

Once retroactive eligibility is determined, counties are reminded to ensure that the appropriate federal aid codes are assigned and appropriate assistance claims are adjusted accordingly. Federally funded aid codes/claim forms are as follows:

**Aid Codes**

**Claim Form**

33 CalWORKs, Zero-Parent

CA800 (Fed)

3H CalWORKs-Legal Immigrant (Mixed Cases)  
Zero-Parent

CA800M (Mixed)

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call your Fiscal Policy Bureau county analyst at (916) 657-3440. For questions regarding Food Stamp policy, please contact Doris Bowers at (916) 654-0710.

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