DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 06/07-39

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

SUBJECT: COUNTY EXPENSE CLAIM (CEC) AND ASSISTANCE CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS – EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE-FOSTER CARE (EA-FC)

The purpose of this CFL is to provide information on funding changes made to EA-FC expenditures. Beginning with Fiscal Year 2006-07, the Legislature replaced the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) portion of EA-FC funding with General Fund (GF) for both cash grants and administrative costs. The county share of cost remains the same.

Assistance Claim Instructions:

Assistance payments for EA-FC will continue to be reported under Aid Code 5K. However, on the CA 800A FED claim form the federal TANF share of costs for Aid Code 5K has been replaced with GF. The Supplemental Clothing Allowance has also been changed from federal to State funding. The EA-FC funding change has been made by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) at the State level for the period of July 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007. The automated assistance claim and instructions located on the CDSS Automated Assistance Claims Extranet at http://www.cdsscounties.ca.gov/AAC/aac.htm have been revised effective with the May 2007 claiming month.

CEC:

There are no changes in time study or claiming instructions for the EA codes. However, for Program Code 223, EA-FC Eligibility, the sharing ratios have been revised from 85/00/00/15 to 00/85/00/15 (federal/State/health/county). Expenditures will be controlled to the GF allocation that was provided in CFL No. 06/07-08, dated July 24, 2006. Expenditures exceeding the GF allocation will be shifted to county share using State Use Only Code 199.

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Please e-mail any questions regarding CEC instructions to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov. Questions regarding assistance claim instructions should be e-mailed to assistance.claims@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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