

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 97/98- 38


TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FEDERAL WELFARE REFORM REPORTING

To comply with the welfare reform legislation, at both the state and federal levels, the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) Information Services Bureau (ISB) is requesting your assistance in ensuring that sources of data collection be kept current and comprehensive. Various databases, in particular, the Medi-Cal Eligibility Determination System (MEDS) will be used to comply with the numerous tracking requirements in Public Law 104-193 and Assembly Bill 1542.

It is imperative that MEDS records be accurate and updated timely as these files will be accessed in order to monitor tracking requirements, such as time limits, diversion, maximum family grants, and the forty-quarters of work provision for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDS). In addition, MEDS may be instrumental in the verification process used to allocate county fiscal incentives.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Halverstadt of the Information Services Bureau at (916) 653-5245.


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