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ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

FROM: TODD R. BLAND
Deputy Director
Welfare-to-Work Division

SUBJECT: CALFRESH PROGRAM: SOLICITATION OF COUNTY INTEREST IN
IMPLEMENTING AB 402 IN STATE FISCAL YEAR 2016/17 – SUBMIT
INTEREST FORM BY JANUARY 15, 2016

REFERENCES: [ACIN I-38-13](#); [ACIN I-73-15](#)

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is in the planning stage of the budgeting process for new counties wanting to participate in the Assembly Bill (AB) 402 process for State Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/17 (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017). AB 402 allows Local Education Agencies (LEAs), defined as a school district or county office of education, and County Welfare Departments (CWDs) to share information regarding school lunch participants who may be eligible to receive CalFresh benefits; the information shared being the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) applications. These NSLP applications are used as a basis for contacting potential CalFresh recipients. The goal of this program is to enroll eligible families into CalFresh by using information about students who are presently receiving free or reduced price lunches at school.

The next steps in this process consist of identifying those counties interested in implementing AB 402, or who have already implemented, and updating county contact information. Please complete and submit the attached interest form no later than January 15, 2016. All interest forms must be submitted by this date. Counties that fail to submit the form by January 15, 2016 may not be included in budgeting planning.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Belon via telephone at (916) 654-1905 or via e-mail at william.belon@dss.ca.gov

Enclosure

PLEASE COMPLETE AND FAX OR SEND AS AN E-MAIL ATTACHMENT BY
JANUARY 15, 2016, TO:

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Participation in AB 402 for FY 2016:

_____ Yes, the county is interested in participating in AB 402 in FY 2016/17.

_____ No, the county is not interested in participating in AB 402 in FY 2016/17.

_____ The county is presently participating in AB 402.
If so, please list the school districts:

County Name

County Representative's Printed Name and Title

Date

Phone Number and E-mail address of County Representative