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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2008-09 BUDGET

The purpose of this letter is to provide information and direction concerning the potential late enactment of the state budget on programs supervised by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the impact of Assembly Bill X3 6 (ABX3 6) and Senate Bill X3 1 (SBX3 1) passage that amended Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) section 15153, which temporarily suspends the monthly advance of General Fund (GF) to counties with populations of 40,000 and more.

Late Enactment of the state budget

During a potential state budget impasse, the state may only make payments that are authorized by the state constitution, by a continuing appropriation, or that are required in order to comply with federal law. Therefore, federal funds for benefits or aid grants, administration, and employment and supportive services will continue to be provided in the absence of a state budget for programs mandated by federal law; no state or federal funds will be provided for the programs not mandated by federal law.

Programs not mandated by federal law are subject to funds being appropriated through a timely-enacted state budget. Therefore, until a budget is enacted, no state or federal funds can be provided for these programs. In addition, under the provisions of section 11207 of the W&IC, counties have an independent obligation to continue administering the state-only Foster Care and Adoption Assistance programs even though CDSS is not legally able to advance the funds. Counties should take all steps necessary to ensure that the state-only Foster Care and Adoptions Assistance programs continue.

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For purposes of this letter, federally mandated programs are California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids, federal Foster Care, Child Welfare Services, In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), federal Adoption Program, Refugee Cash Assistance, Promoting Safe and Stable Families, Probation IV-E Pass Through and Food Stamps, which includes the California Food Assistance Program.

For purposes of this letter, the programs not mandated by federal law include Adult Protective Services, County Services Block Grant, Community Care Licensing, Emancipated Foster Youth Stipends, Foster Parent Training and Recruitment, Group Home Monthly Visits, Independent Living Program, Kinship Support Services, Kinship and Foster Care Emergency Funds, Substance Abuse/HIV Infant Program, Specialized Training for Adoptive Parents, Supportive and Therapeutic Options Programs, state-only Adoptions Assistance, Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants, state-only Foster Care, Sacramento Adoptions Opportunity, Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment, State Family Preservation and Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Children.

Amendment to W&IC section 15153

The passage of ABX3 6 and SBX3 1 amended W&IC section 15153 to temporarily suspend the GF monthly advances in July and August 2008. The suspension of GF advances does not apply to the IHSS program or to counties with populations less than 40,000 (Attachment I). For counties with populations of 40,000 or more who are therefore affected by the suspension of the advances, the GF advance resumes on September 15, 2008. In addition, the advances suspended in July and August 2008 will be paid no later than September 30, 2008.

CDSS will continue to provide you with information concerning budget developments and further direction concerning program fiscal impact as it becomes available.

If you have any questions, please contact Didi Okamoto, Acting Chief of the Fiscal Systems and Accounting Branch, at (916) 324-1000.

Attachment

c: County Welfare Directors Association

**E-1: State/County Population Estimates with Annual Percent Change
January 1, 2007 and 2008**

Data File from Department of Finance Website

State/County	Total Population		Percent Change
	1/1/2007	1/1/2008	
California	37,559,440	38,049,462	1.3
1 Alameda	1,522,597	1,543,000	1.3
2 Alpine	1,242	1,222	-1.6
3 Amador	38,002	37,943	-0.2
4 Butte	218,312	220,407	1.0
5 Calaveras	45,850	46,127	0.6
6 Colusa	21,648	21,910	1.2
7 Contra Costa	1,037,580	1,051,674	1.4
8 Del Norte	29,216	29,419	0.7
9 El Dorado	177,766	179,722	1.1
10 Fresno	914,893	931,098	1.8
11 Glenn	28,833	29,195	1.3
12 Humboldt	131,977	132,821	0.6
13 Imperial	171,576	176,158	2.7
14 Inyo	18,189	18,152	-0.2
15 Kern	800,699	817,517	2.1
16 Kings	151,607	154,434	1.9
17 Lake	63,740	64,059	0.5
18 Lassen	35,804	35,757	-0.1
19 Los Angeles	10,275,914	10,363,850	0.9
20 Madera	147,944	150,887	2.0
21 Marin	255,080	257,406	0.9
22 Mariposa	18,262	18,406	0.8
23 Mendocino	89,518	90,163	0.7
24 Merced	250,380	255,250	1.9
25 Modoc	9,679	9,702	0.2
26 Mono	13,730	13,759	0.2
27 Monterey	423,762	428,549	1.1
28 Napa	134,844	136,704	1.4
29 Nevada	99,026	99,186	0.2
30 Orange	3,089,707	3,121,251	1.0
31 Placer	326,503	333,401	2.1
32 Plumas	20,941	20,917	-0.1
33 Riverside	2,034,840	2,088,322	2.6
34 Sacramento	1,405,694	1,424,415	1.3
35 San Benito	57,296	57,784	0.9
36 San Bernardino	2,026,325	2,055,766	1.5
37 San Diego	3,100,132	3,146,274	1.5
38 San Francisco	812,241	824,525	1.5
39 San Joaquin	675,463	685,660	1.5
40 San Luis Obispo	266,372	269,337	1.1
41 San Mateo	730,339	739,469	1.3
42 Santa Barbara	423,540	428,655	1.2
43 Santa Clara	1,805,314	1,837,075	1.8
44 Santa Cruz	263,499	266,519	1.1
45 Shasta	180,666	182,236	0.9
46 Sierra	3,432	3,380	-1.5
47 Siskiyou	45,667	45,971	0.7
48 Solano	422,974	426,757	0.9
49 Sonoma	479,668	484,470	1.0
50 Stanislaus	518,938	525,903	1.3
51 Sutter	93,835	95,878	2.2
52 Tehama	61,709	62,419	1.2
53 Trinity	13,970	13,966	0.0
54 Tulare	426,798	435,254	2.0
55 Tuolumne	56,741	56,799	0.1
56 Ventura	823,129	831,587	1.0
57 Yolo	195,354	199,066	1.9
58 Yuba	70,683	71,929	1.8