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ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 17-63

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK COORDINATORS  
ALL TRIBAL TANF ADMINISTRATORS  
ALL TRIBAL CHAIRPERSONS  
ALL COUNTY TRIBAL TANF LIAISONS

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) AND CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) TIME LIMIT EXEMPTION FOR RECIPIENTS LIVING IN INDIAN COUNTRY WHERE THE UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL OF ADULTS IS 50 PERCENT OR HIGHER

REFERENCE: [ACL04-20](#), [ACL05-16](#), [ACL06-23](#), [ACL07-25](#), [ACL08-28E](#), [ACL09-29](#), [ACL10-24](#), [ACL11-41](#), [ACL12-30](#), [ACL13-69](#), [ACL14-108](#), [ACL15-71](#), [ACL16-68](#); Manual of Policies and Procedures [42-302.21\(i\)](#); Code of Federal Regulations [45 C.F.R. 286.115\(d\)\(3\)](#).

The purpose of this All County Letter (ACL) is to report the results of a survey that the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) recently completed. The goal of the survey was to document the names of the federally recognized tribes in the state who have experienced unemployment among adults at 50 percent or higher in their tribal service areas during the previous calendar year. The process of conducting the survey and publishing the results allows CDSS to act as a conduit to inform the County Welfare Departments (CWD) as to whether the Indian Country residents who participate in a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program qualify for the federal and state time limit exemption.

As provided in state regulations, (Manual of Policies and Procedures [MPP] [Section 42-302.21\(i\)](#)) and in the Code of Federal Regulations ([45 C.F.R. 286.115\(d\)\(3\)](#)), counties and Tribal TANF programs are required to exempt individuals from the state and federal TANF program time limit for any month in which the individual is on aid and lives in

Indian Country or an Alaskan Native Village where at least 50 percent of the adults were not employed.

The attached chart shows the Indian Country areas that responded to the CDSS survey and indicated that the unemployment of adults was 50 percent or higher during calendar year 2016. Individuals who lived in these areas during that year qualify for the time limit exemption for those specified months. If an individual lived in Indian Country in an area not listed on the attachment, the individual, the county, or the Tribal TANF program can obtain written documentation from a federally-recognized tribe that the individual lived where the unemployment of adults was 50 percent or higher. Such certification qualifies the individual for the time limit exemption and may be applicable to a complete calendar year or any month(s) in that year.

Please note that as of July 1, 2011, the CalWORKs time limit is 48 months and the federal TANF time limit for aid remains at 60 months. Instructions on the new CalWORKs time limit were issued in [ACL No. 11-33](#), dated April 29, 2011.

Counties are reminded that CalWORKs applicants and recipients must be informed of all program time limit requirements, including the process necessary to claim exemptions, as set forth in MPP [Section 42-302.3](#). Those individuals must also be provided with information regarding their accumulated time on aid at specific intervals, as required in MPP [Section 40-107\(a\)\(4\)](#). Those counties in which a Tribal TANF program operates may need to provide verification of clients' CalWORKs time on aid, including any time limit exemptions, to the Tribal TANF Program Administrator. The Tribal TANF Program Administrator will notify their clients of their remaining time on aid for purposes of the TANF 60-month time limit.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need additional information regarding the time limit, please contact your CalWORKs County Consultant or the CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau at (916) 654-1322.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

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Attachment

**INDIAN COUNTRY AREAS THAT QUALIFY FOR THE TANF AND CalWORKs PROGRAM  
TIME LIMIT\* EXEMPTION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016 PER UNEMPLOYMENT OF  
ADULTS AT A LEVEL OF 50 PERCENT OR HIGHER**

<b>INDIAN COUNTRY AREA</b>	<b>PRIMARY ZIP CODE<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>COUNTY<sup>2</sup></b>
Big Sandy Rancheria	93602	Fresno
Big Valley Rancheria	95453	Lake
Bridgeport Indian Colony	93517	Mono
Cahuilla Band of Indians	92539	Riverside
Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians of California	93667	Fresno
Elem Indian Colony of Pomo Indians of the Sulphur Bank Rancheria	95423	Lake
Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California	95966	Butte
Guidiville Indian Rancheria	95481	Mendocino
Inaja-Cosmit Band of Mission Indians	92025	San Diego
Ione Band of Miwok Indians	95669	Amador
Jamul Indian Village of California	91935	San Diego
Karuk Tribe – Happy Camp	96039	Siskiyou
Karuk Tribe – Orleans	95556	Humboldt
Karuk Tribe –Yreka	96097	Siskiyou
Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria	95403	Sonoma
La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians	92061	San Diego
Manchester Point Arena Band of Pomo Indians	95468	Mendocino
Manzanita Band of Mission Indians	91905	San Diego
North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California	93643	Madera
Paskenta Nomlaki Indians	96021	Tehama
Ramona Band of Cahuilla	92539	Riverside
Resighini Rancheria	95548	Del Norte
Robinson Rancheria	95464	Lake
Round Valley Indian Tribes	95428	Mendocino
Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians	92561	Riverside
Santa Ynez Chumash Reservation	93460	Santa Barbara
Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians	95490	Mendocino
Timbisha Shoshone Tribe	93515	Inyo
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	92274	Riverside
Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe	93512	Mono
Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California – Woodfords Hung-a-lel-ti Community	96120	Alpine
Wiyot Tribe	95551	Humboldt

<sup>1</sup>INDIAN COUNTRY AREA REPORTING MAY EXTEND TO MORE THAN ONE ZIP CODE

<sup>2</sup>INDIAN COUNTRY AREAS MAY INCLUDE MORE THAN ONE COUNTY