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ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 18-45

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: ACL(s) [04-20](#), [05-16](#), [06-23](#), [07-25](#), [08-28E](#), [09-29](#), [10-24](#), [11-41](#), [12-30](#), [13-69](#), [14-108](#), [15-71](#), [16-68](#), [17-63](#); MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (MPP) SECTION [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. This letter serves 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 exemptions.

As provided in state regulations [Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) [Section 42-302.21\(i\)](#)], and in the Code of Federal Regulations [[45 CFR 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 2017. Individuals who lived in these areas during 2017 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 may 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 current 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 its 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 2017 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> |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria                | 95551                               | Humboldt                  |
| Big Sandy Rancheria   | 93602                               | Fresno                    |
| Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria | 95453                               | Lake                      |
| Bishop Paiute Tribe   | 93514                               | Inyo                      |
| Bridgeport Indian Colony                                    | 93517                               | Mono                      |
| Cahto Tribe of the Laytonville Rancheria                    | 95454                               | Mendocino                 |
| Cahuilla Band of Indians                                    | 92539                               | Riverside                 |
| Cold Springs Rancheria                                      | 93667                               | Fresno                    |
| Enterprise Rancheria  | 95966                               | Butte                     |
| Ford Bidwell Indian Reservation                             | 96112                               | Modoc                     |
| Guidiville Indian Rancheria                                 | 95481                               | Mendocino                 |
| Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel                                | 92070                               | San Diego                 |
| Inaja Cosmit Band of Mission Indians                        | 92025                               | San Diego                 |
| Jamul Indian Village of California                          | 91935                               | San Diego                 |
| Karuk Tribe – Happy Camp                                    | 96039                               | Siskiyou                  |
| Karuk Tribe – Orleans, CA                                   | 95556                               | Humboldt                  |
| Karuk Tribe – Yreka, CA                                     | 96097                               | Siskiyou                  |
| Kashia Band of Pomo Indians                                 | 95403                               | Sonoma                    |
| La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians                            | 92061                               | San Diego                 |
| La Posta Band of Mission Indians                            | 91905                               | San Diego                 |
| Manzanita Band of Mission Indians                           | 91905                               | San Diego                 |
| Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians                         | 92070                               | San Diego                 |
| North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California          | 93643                               | Madera                    |
| Pala Band of Mission Indians                                | 92059                               | San Diego                 |
| Potter Valley Tribe   | 95482                               | Mendocino                 |
| Ramona Band of Cahuilla                                     | 92539                               | Riverside                 |
| Resighini Rancheria   | 95548                               | Del Norte                 |
| Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians                          | 95464                               | Lake                      |
| Round Valley Indian Tribes                                  | 95428                               | Mendocino                 |
| Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians                         | 92539                               | Riverside                 |
| Timbisha Shoshone Tribe                                     | 93514                               | Inyo                      |
| Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians                     | 92274                               | Riverside                 |
| Trinidad Rancheria  | 95570                               | Humboldt                  |
| Tule River Indian Reservation                               | 93258                               | Tulare                    |
| Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe                                 | 93512                               | Mono                      |
| Viejas Band of Kumeyaay                                     | 91901                               | San Diego                 |
| Wiyot Tribe   | 95551                               | Humboldt                  |
| Yurok Tribe   | 95548                               | Del Norte                 |
| Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California                       | 96120                               | Alpine                    |

<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