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***State Will Not Seek to Collect Welfare Overpayment from Children Who Have Become Adults***

Sacramento – California Department of Social Services' Director Will Lightbourne today announced that the collection of CalWORKS overpayments from adults or emancipated minors who were minors receiving cash aid in an assistance unit when an overpayment occurred will no longer be pursued.

“The Department of Social Services is directing counties to terminate all current collection actions via tax intercept or other collections methods against adults or emancipated minors, where the overpayment occurred when they were children in an assistance unit receiving CalWorks support,” Said Director Lightbourne. “This action will allow young adults to move forward toward their independence and provide an opportunity to work towards self-sufficiency.”

A copy of the all county letter can be viewed on the CDSS website at the following link.  
[ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 12-02](#)

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