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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 14-107

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 CALFRESH PROGRAM SPECIALISTS  
ALL CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS  
(CalWORKs) CHANGES TO ASSET LIMITS FOR FAMILIES

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) 13-97 DATED DECEMBER 12, 2013, CalWORKs CHANGES TO ASSET LIMITS FOR FAMILIES THAT INCLUDE ELDERLY OR DISABLED HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS, WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS (W&I) CODE SECTIONS 11155 (a), MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (MPP) SECTION 42.207.2, AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE (FNS) – ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE (AN) 14-55, AN 14-56

The purpose of this ACL is to notify County Welfare Departments (CWDs) of the change to the maximum asset limit for families in the CalWORKs program. CalWORKs families are allowed to retain countable resources in an amount equal to the amount allowed by the Federal CalFresh program regulations.

The United States Department of Agriculture, FNS has increased the asset limit for CalFresh households in accordance with the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 adjustment. In order to maintain maximum compatibility between the programs, CalWORKs is also adopting the increased resource limit for CalWORKs households from \$2,000 to \$2,250 effective October 1, 2014.

In addition, if CWDs find that an assistance unit (AU) was denied cash aid or has had their cash aid discontinued as a result of exceeding the \$2,000 asset limit, the CWD must re-evaluate eligibility for the AU and restore any benefits that would have been authorized

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under the increased asset limit as of October 1, 2014. Additionally, when re-evaluating resource eligibility limits for previously discontinued or denied cases, if the CWD has collected or is currently collecting an overpayment (OP) based on excess resources for AUs fitting this description for any period after September 30, 2014, the CWD shall review the case to determine if the AU was actually under the \$2,250 resource limit, and if so, immediately cancel the OP and return any funds collected pursuant to MPP Section 44-350.

The CDSS also made a change in the resource limit for a disabled member or person age 60 or over in the CalWORKs household from \$3,000 to \$3,250. This change was made effective with the issuance of [ACL 13-97](#) which was released on December 12, 2013. The CDSS is in the process of amending the CalWORKs regulations to reflect the new asset limits for CalWORKs families.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau at (916) 654-1322.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

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