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All-County Letter No. 14-55

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 CAPI PROGRAM MANAGERS

SUBJECT: **TERMINATION OF STATE FUNDING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME ADVOCACY PROGRAMS (SSIAP) FOR CASH ASSISTANCE FOR IMMIGRANTS (CAPI)**

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO: 04-37, ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO: I-67-11, COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO: 04/05 - 29

This All-County Letter (ACL) informs counties of the termination of General Fund (GF) reimbursements for the Supplemental Security Income Advocacy Programs (SSIAP) for the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI). California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is advising counties who have continued to claim reimbursements for SSIAP activities that no further GF reimbursements will be made after September 30, 2014.

BACKGROUND

In 2004, Senate Bill (SB) 1104 amended section 18939 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code, by directing CDSS to require counties with a caseload of 70 or more cases, to establish advocacy programs to assist CAPI recipients and applicants who become eligible for Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP). The CAPI recipients and applicants targeted by SSIAP were immigrants of age 65 or older, who entered the U.S. before August 22, 1996, and allege a disability. Senate Bill 1104 required that CDSS reimburse counties for legal fees incurred by attorneys or other authorized representatives during the appeal phase of the SSI application process.

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The SSIAP was originally scheduled to become inoperative in 2007. However, in 2008, Assembly Bill (AB) 1279 extended the existence of the SSIAP to July 1, 2011. On July 1, 2011, the SSIAP terminated along with the authority to reimburse counties for attorney or authorized representative fees.

ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

ACIN I-67-11 (September 30, 2011) advised counties regarding claiming administrative costs for CAPI Advocacy activities after July 1, 2011. To coincide with the release of this ACL, CDSS will continue to reimburse counties for such SSIAP administrative costs, through September 30, 2014. ***CDSS will not provide any further reimbursements for SSIAP activities of any kind after September 30, 2014.***

A County Fiscal Letter (CFL), issued under a separate cover following the issuance of this ACL, will provide revised claiming instructions for a county-only share-of-cost for SSIAP.

Should you have questions regarding this ACL, please contact Greg Rodriguez, Analyst, at the Adult Programs Policy & Operations Bureau at (916) 651-5350, or at Gregory.Rodriguez@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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