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ERRATA

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 15-18E

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 WELFARE-TO-WORK COORDINATORS
 ALL COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS
 ALL COUNTY CALFRESH SPECIALISTS
 ALL CONSORTIA REPRESENTATIVES
 ALL TRIBAL TANF ADMINISTRATORS

SUBJECT: ERRATA TO THE CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) LONG-TERM WELFARE-TO-WORK (WTW) SANCTION POPULATION MOVE TO SOLELY STATE FUNDED PROGRAM: EXTENDED CLARIFICATION ON BREAK-IN-AID

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTERS (ACL) 15-18

The purpose of this errata notice is to correct the method for counting the number of months in sanction for the long-term sanction move out population after a break in aid. The long-term sanction population is parents/caretakers who have been sanctioned due to failing or refusing to comply with program requirements without good cause in the WTW program for 12 consecutive months or longer.

If a parent/caretaker has a break in aid prior to accumulating 12 consecutive months in sanction, and the case was never moved into aid code K1 (one-parent cases) or 3F (two-parent cases), then upon returning to aid the number of months in sanction for the purpose of determining 12 consecutive months “resets” to month one; and the case is assigned to an appropriate aid code based on existing WTW eligibility criteria.

If a parent/caretaker has a break in aid after accumulating 12 consecutive months in sanction, and the case was moved into aid code K1 or 3F, then upon returning to aid the case remains in aid code K1 or 3F until the sanction is cured in accordance with existing sanction curing rules.

If a parent/caretaker has a break in aid after accumulating 12 consecutive months in sanction, but the case was not moved into aid code K1 or 3F prior to leaving aid, then upon returning to aid the case is assigned to aid code K1 or 3F until the sanction is cured in accordance with existing sanction curing rules.

Examples:

BREAK IN AID *PRIOR* TO 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS:

Maggie has been in sanction status for five consecutive months. During her sixth month in sanction status, she decides to exit the CalWORKs program for personal reasons. Three months later she returns to aid. Maggie is assigned an aid code based on existing WTW eligibility criteria and is considered to be in month one for purposes of counting months toward her 12 consecutive months in sanction.

BREAK IN AID *AFTER* 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS:

Ezekiel has been in sanction status for 13 consecutive months and has been assigned to aid code K1. During his 14th month, he decides to exit the CalWORKs program for personal reasons. Four months later he returns to aid. Ezekiel is assigned to aid code K1 and will remain in that aid code until he cures his sanction in accordance with the existing sanction curing rules.

BREAK IN AID *AT* 12 MONTHS:

Olivia has been in sanction status for 12 consecutive months. At month 12 plus one day, she decides to exit the CalWORKs program for personal reasons. Two months later she returns to aid. Olivia is assigned to aid code K1 and will remain in that aid code until she cures her sanction in accordance with the existing sanction curing rules.

If you have questions regarding this ERRATA, please contact your county's California Department of Social Services Employment Bureau consultant or call the Employment Bureau at (916) 654 2137.

Sincerely,

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