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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-50-11

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK COORDINATORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS
ALL CONSORTIA MANAGERS

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) STATE
PLAN 2010 CERTIFICATION

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

On June 13, 2011, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) informed the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) that California’s 2010 TANF State Plan was certified and that the state continues to qualify as an “eligible state” under the TANF Program.

Federal regulations provide that in order for a state to remain eligible to receive TANF funds for a fiscal year, the state must submit to the Secretary of Health and Human Services a new plan on a biennial basis. Federal funding for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program is based on being an eligible state.

The changes in the 2010 TANF State Plan included the following:

- Updated California’s goals and objectives for reducing the teen birth rate as well as the rates achieved through 2008;
- Added language that effective January 1, 2012, eligibility for benefits will be extended to non-minor dependents who are ineligible for federal foster care up to age 21 (phased in over three years);
- Added language that the state intends to assist CalWORKs recipients to train for, seek, and maintain employment in the health care industry;

- Added language that County Welfare Departments will coordinate and collaborate with other agencies, such as the Department of Education, the Employment Development Department, One-Stop Centers, and Local Workforce Investment Boards, as well as local health providers, to put clients in programs with training that lead to certifications and licenses that will allow the clients to be employed in various healthcare occupations, including at long-term care facilities and in the elder care field; and
- Added specific language on the Ready, Set, WORK! demonstration project being conducted in San Diego County that will provide short-term payments and employment and supportive services to work-ready CalWORKs applicants to divert them from long term aid.

The certified 2010 TANF State Plan is available on the CDSS website at:
<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/PG152.htm>

A State Plan amendment is currently being drafted for changes to the program as a result of Senate Bill (SB) 72 (Chapter 8, Statutes of 2011) and Assembly Bill (AB) 106 (Chapter 32, Statutes of 2011).

Please contact your CDSS Employment Bureau county consultant at (916) 654-2137, if you have questions or need additional information regarding the information in this letter.

Sincerely,

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