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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-51-11

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY CALFRESH COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: CALFRESH AND CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKS) INFORMATION REGARDING EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (EDD) DEBIT CARD

The purpose of this letter is to provide information regarding a recent change in the delivery process of Unemployment Insurance benefits (UIB) in California.

The EDD Debit Card is replacing paper checks for delivering California State Disability Insurance (SDI), Paid Family Leave (PFL), and UIB. The transition to the debit card for SDI and PFL has been completed. EDD began transitioning UIB recipients from paper check delivery to the debit cards effective July 12, 2011 and expects to have the roll-out completed for all recipients over a three-month period.

Requirements for the verification of the amount of UIB received are unchanged. UIB recipients will continue to receive documentation via a payment stub to verify the amount and date of receipt. The only change is that there will no longer be a check attached to the payment stub and benefits will be directly loaded onto the individual's debit card.

Because payment stubs will continue to be issued, the use of debit cards to deliver UIB, SDI, and PFL benefits will have no impact on the ability of and requirement for County Welfare Department staff to verify receipt of benefits issued by EDD when determining eligibility and benefit levels for CalWORKs and CalFresh applicants and recipients.

The following is a link to the EDD website providing information regarding the new delivery system. http://www.edd.ca.gov/About_EDD/The_EDD_Debit_Card.htm

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter please contact your CalWORKs County Consultant at (916) 654-1322; or Tracy Ahlenstorf of the CalFresh Policy Bureau at (916) 657-3283 or tracy.ahlenstorf@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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