

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-39-06

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
 ALL CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS  
 CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS

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: REFERRAL OF PREGNANT WOMEN AND PREGNANT MINOR CASES  
 TO LOCAL CHILD SUPPORT AGENCIES

REFERENCE: Manual of Policies and Procedures Section 82-506

This letter clarifies policy on referring pregnant women and pregnant minor parent cases to the Local Child Support Agency (LCSA).

Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) 82-506 states, "As a condition of eligibility for assistance each CalWORKs or foster care applicant/recipient shall assign to the county all rights to child/spousal support for the applicant/recipient or any other family member required to be in the AU under Section 82-820.3".

Since an unborn child is not mandated to be included in the Assistance Unit (AU), nor have support rights been established for the unborn child, County Welfare Departments (CWD) shall defer sending child support referrals for pregnant women and minor parent cases to the LCSA until after the child is born.

As a reminder, in cases where a pregnant applicant/recipient has an eligible child(ren) with absent parent deprivation or for whom paternity must be established, the following forms shall be obtained for that child(ren):

- CW 2.1NA Notice and Agreement for Child, Spousal and Medical Support
- CW 2.1Q Support Questionnaire
- CW 371 Referral to LCSA

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your CalWORKs county consultant.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**

KÄREN CAGLE, Chief  
 Employment and Eligibility Branch

c: CWDA  
 CSAC