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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-100-08

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CAL-LEARN COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY EBT COORDINATORS

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: NEW ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER (EBT) TYPES FOR
ANCILLARY/WORK-RELATED CASH BENEFITS

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of three new EBT benefit types for Ancillary/Work-Related cash benefits. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has added new Cal-Learn, Welfare-to-Work Federal, and Welfare-to-Work Non-Federal benefit types to the EBT system. The new EBT capability described in this notice is not mandatory, but is available for immediate county use. Counties that are interested in issuing any of these new EBT benefit type(s) through EBT must first ensure that their respective automated welfare system is coded with the new benefit type(s).

CDSS has reviewed the current environment for issuing and reporting Ancillary/Work-Related cash benefits. As a result, the EBT system has been expanded to include three additional benefit types that allow the separate transmission, issuance, and reporting of cash assistance benefits. Previously, the only choice available to counties issuing Ancillary/Work-Related cash benefits was with checks. The three new benefit types have been created to allow these benefits to be issued within the EBT system.

The three new benefit types allow for individually tracking each benefit within the EBT system. This will increase the accuracy of reporting and offer another option for counties in issuing these benefits. In the EBT environment, clients are able to receive and access benefits faster, and without the risks associated with checks.

The three new EBT benefit types are as follows:

Cal-Learn

Benefit Type Code: CALRN

Aid Codes: 30, 33, 35, 3E, 3G, 3H, 3L, 3M, 3P, 3R, 3U

Cal-Learn benefits may include transportation and ancillary expenses limited to those services that teen parents need to attend their school programs regularly, the \$100 Cal-Learn bonus for satisfactory school progress, and the \$500 high school graduation bonus only when the Cal-Learn minor parent is the head of household.

Welfare-to-Work (WTW) – Federal

Benefit Type Code: WTWF

Aid Codes: 30, 32, 33, 3P, 3R, 35

Welfare-to-Work – Federal includes transportation costs and ancillary expenses, such as the cost of books, tools, clothing specifically required for the job, fees, and other costs necessary for WTW participation.

Welfare-to-Work – Non-Federal (State-only)

Benefit Type Code: WTWNF

Aid Codes: 3A, 3C, 3E, 3H, 3L, 3G, 3M, 3U, 3W

Welfare-to-Work – Non-Federal includes transportation costs and ancillary expenses, such as the cost of books, tools, clothing specifically required for the job, fees, and other costs necessary for WTW participation.

If you have any questions, please contact Leo Black, Manager, EBT/Welfare Technology Unit, at (916) 654-1874.

Sincerely,

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c: CWDA