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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-77-08

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 FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS  
ALL COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS  
ALL COUNTY CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs): SUSPENSION OF THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) INCREASE TO THE MAXIMUM AID PAYMENT (MAP) LEVELS

REFERENCE: WELFARE & INSTITUTIONS (W&I) CODE SECTIONS 11450, 11452, and 11453; AB 1279 (CHAPTER 759, STATUTES OF 2008); ACL 08-27; ACL 07-23.

COLA SUSPENSION

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties that the CalWORKs COLA increase to the MAP levels has been suspended for the remainder of the 2008-09 fiscal year (through June 30, 2009). W&I Code Section 11453 provides that the CalWORKs MAP levels shall be adjusted annually to reflect any increases or decreases in the cost of living. Per All County Letter (ACL) 08-27, the 2008-09 CalWORKs MAP COLA had been delayed by the state legislature from June until October of 2008. The budget trailer bill, AB 1279 (Chapter 759, Statutes of 2008), signed on September 30, 2008, further suspended the CalWORKs COLA for the rest of this fiscal year. Since there is no change to the current MAP levels, there is no need for any client noticing, retroactive payments, or automation reprogramming. Please continue to use the MAP levels that were issue in ACL 07-23.

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REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE (RCA) AND TRAFFICKING AND CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TCVAP)

This MAP COLA suspension shall also apply to RCA and TCVAP applicants and recipients.

CONTACTS

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this ACIN please contact your CalWORKs county consultant at (916) 654-1322. For questions regarding RCA and TCVAP, please contact Ms. Jeanette Robbins in the Refugee Programs Bureau at (916) 653-8980.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

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