

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



June 13, 2007

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 07-23

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): COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) INCREASE TO
 THE MINIMUM BASIC STANDARD OF ADEQUATE CARE (MBSAC)
 LEVELS

REFERENCE: WELFARE & INSTITUTIONS (W&I) CODE SECTIONS 11450, 11452,
 and 11453

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

MBSAC INCREASE

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of an increase to the CalWORKs MBSAC levels effective July 1, 2007. W&I Code Section 11453 provides that the CalWORKs MBSAC levels shall be adjusted annually to reflect any increases or decreases in the cost of living. This COLA increases the MBSAC and Income In-Kind levels by 3.7 percent. The new MBSAC levels are to be used in determining applicant financial eligibility for those families that apply for CalWORKs on or after July 1, 2007.

The Governor's Budget proposes to suspend the Fiscal Year 2007-08 CalWORKs Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) COLA. If the final budget will allow for an annual MAP COLA, the Department will provide the adjusted MAP levels at that time. Until that time, the MAP COLA is presumed to be suspended.

The new CalWORKs MBSAC Payment Standards Chart for Region 1 and 2 is included as an Enclosure and is provided to assist in implementing these changes. New Income In-Kind levels are included in this chart as these amounts also increased as a result of the MBSAC COLA. The new Income In-Kind levels shall be implemented beginning August 1, 2007.

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

These implementation instructions for the MBSAC COLA and the Income In-Kind changes shall also apply to RCA and TCVAP applicants and recipients.

CONTACTS

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this ACL please contact your CalWORKs county consultant at (916) 654-1322. For questions regarding RCA and TCVAP, please contact Ms. Lynne Reich in the Refugee Programs Bureau at (916) 654-7327.

Sincerely,

**Original Document Signed By
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Enclosure

c: CWDA
CSAC

CalWORKs PAYMENT STANDARDS
Effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Region 1

Assistance Unit Size	Maximum Aid Payment Exempt	Maximum Aid Payment Non-Exempt	MBSAC ^{2/}	Housing	Utilities	Food	Clothing
1	398	359	505	227	48	125	38
2	653	584	828	305	54	268	75
3	808	723	1,026	333	57	342	111
4	961	862	1,218	349	60	424	148
5	1,094	980	1,391	349	60	513	186
6	1,229	1,101	1,563	349	60	594	222
7	1,350	1,210	1,717	349	60	662	262
8	1,473	1,318	1,871	349	60	724	292
9	1,591	1,424	2,028	349	60	796	336
10	1,709	1,530	2,202	349	60	860	369
More than 10	1,709	1,530	Add \$19 for each extra person				

Region 2

Assistance Unit Size	Maximum Aid Payment Exempt	Maximum Aid Payment Non-Exempt	MBSAC ^{2/}	Housing	Utilities	Food	Clothing
1	378	340	479	218	48	125	38
2	623	555	787	289	54	268	75
3	771	689	975	317	57	342	111
4	916	821	1,159	333	60	424	148
5	1,045	934	1,322	333	60	513	186
6	1,172	1,049	1,487	333	60	594	222
7	1,288	1,150	1,631	333	60	662	262
8	1,403	1,255	1,779	333	60	724	292
9	1,518	1,356	1,924	333	60	796	336
10	1,629	1,456	2,094	333	60	860	369
More than 10	1,629	1,456	Add \$19 for each extra person				

^{1/} Due to the two-year suspension of the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) (pursuant to Chapter 78, Statutes of 2005 (SB 68)) and the proposed suspension of the 2007-08 COLA, these MAP levels will remain in effect through June 2008.

^{2/} The MBSAC is not subject to the COLA suspension, and is updated with the California Necessities Index (CNI) rate of 3.7 percent for FY 2007-08.