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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 10/11-72

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY AUDITOR CONTROLLERS
ALL COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF CW 801 (SUMMARY REPORT OF PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES FOR GRANT REDUCTIONS DUE TO EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AND DIVERSION FOR THE CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS [CalWORKs]) REPORTING REQUIREMENT

REFERENCES: CFL 00/01-47 DATED DECEMBER 14, 2000; ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) 00-72 DATED OCTOBER 11, 2000; CFL 99/00-51 DATED MARCH 31, 2000; CFL 99/00-44 DATED DECEMBER 20, 1999; CFL 98/99-54 DATED NOVEMBER 20, 1998

This letter informs County Welfare Departments (CWDs) of the suspension of the reporting requirement accomplished by submission of the CW 801 form (Summary Report of Performance Incentives for Grant Reductions Due to Employment Earnings and Diversion for CalWORKs). Counties are no longer required to submit this form to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), but should maintain the information normally reported on the form at the county level.

Performance incentives were established in 1977 to provide financial encouragement for CWDs to help CalWORKs families remain self-sufficient by providing diversion services or by obtaining gainful employment, thereby reducing grant payments. The CW 801 form collects quarterly data on the grant savings associated with:

1. Recipients leaving CalWORKs due to employment that lasted a minimum of six months.
2. Increased employment earnings by current recipients (therefore, reducing the amount of aid received).
3. Lump sum payments diverting applicants from receiving CalWORKs benefits for a minimum of six months.

Counties should continue to use the CW 801.1 form, CalWORKs Earned Employment Income Incentive Summary, and the CW 801.2 form, CalWORKs Diversion Grant Summary, as necessary since these forms are used to compute the information included on the CW 801 and are retained at the county level. If funding for performance incentives is reestablished, CDSS will revisit the use of the CW 801 form and explore all options for obtaining the necessary data.

If you have any questions regarding this CFL, please direct them to the Fiscal Systems Bureau at fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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