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ERRATA

COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 12/13-11E

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2012-13 ALLOCATION FOR THE
PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES (PSSF) PROGRAM

REFERENCE: [CFL NO. 12/13-11, DATED AUGUST 22, 2012](#)

The purpose of this errata is to clarify the display of the county specific distribution of the 25 percent federal match and the additional Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements associated with the PSSF allocation for FY 2012-13.

In prior years, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) would meet the required 25 percent federal match and the MOE requirement by utilizing both State and County expenditures in the State Family Preservation (SFP) program, via Program Code (PC) 175, Family Preservation Permanent-Services/Non-Federal. The CDSS would ensure the match requirement was met by tracking each quarter's expenditures for PC 175 for each State Fiscal Year. The MOE and match requirements have been met utilizing this methodology each year.

With the implementation of the 2011 Realignment, there is a possibility that some counties may opt to not fully spend what was identified for the SFP program.

The "MOE Match" amounts that were listed on the attachment to CFL No. 12/13-11 were the amounts that each county would have to spend if the match requirement were spread across all counties. However, no county is required to begin an SFP program. If every county that operated a SFP program in FY 2011-12 continues to spend the same amount on that program in FY 2012-13, then the match requirement will continue to be met. The attachment specifies the SFP allocation for each county in FY 2011-12 that were counted toward the MOE and match requirements.

However, in case counties operating SFP programs opt not to continue to fully spend the amounts they previously spent on the SFP program and in order to ensure that MOE and match are met each year, CDSS is researching other possible non-fed codes

that could be utilized in addition to PC 175. The CDSS will be issuing a subsequent CFL that explains which codes can be used for the match and/or MOE if PC 175 expenditures are not sufficient. The CFL will also further explain program codes that are used as match for other federal programs to ensure that costs will not be used for more than one federal match requirement.

If necessary, at close-out, adjustments could be made if the 25 percent federal match and/or MOE are not met by moving expenditures from Federal to County funding. This will force the counties to pickup the MOE and match costs, thereby incurring more county costs. Additional discussions will be held to discuss other alternatives, which include not receiving as much federal funds as originally anticipated, etc.

Any questions regarding this allocation should be directed to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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