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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 12/13-15

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2012-13 ALLOCATION FOR THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALFRESH PROGRAM

This letter notifies counties of their FY 2012-13 administrative allocation for the CalFresh Program. A total of \$532.6 million General Fund (GF) (Attachment I) was made available for this program upon approval of the FY 2012-13 Budget Act.

Attachment II provides the program codes available on the quarterly County Expense Claim to claim costs to the CalFresh allocation. Any expenditure exceeding the CalFresh allocation will be shifted to county share using State-Use-Only Code 284.

Please note, [Welfare and Institutions Code \(W&IC\) Section 18906.55, subdivision \(a\)](#), intended to provide relief for counties from their nonfederal share of costs when counties meet their county Maintenance of Effort as required by [W&IC Section 15204.4](#) via CalFresh administrative cost, has been extended to June 30, 2013.

CalFresh Administration Base

In accordance with the County Welfare Directors Association's recommendation, the FY 2012-13 base allocation has been adjusted to ensure that all counties were held harmless to their prior year base allocation or their four most recent quarters' expenditure level (September 2011 Quarter – June 2012 Quarter), whichever was greater. After distribution of the hold harmless portion of the allocation, the balance of \$35.7 million GF was distributed based on the caseload growth from the average monthly caseload of Calendar Year (CY) 2010 to the average monthly caseload of CY 2011.

Face-to-Face Waiver

The Face-to-Face Waiver streamlines the application process and improves the administrative efficiency of the CalFresh program by waiving the requirement for a face-

to-face interview at application for all Non-Assistance CalFresh (NACF) households. Counties have the option to conduct a telephone or other out-of-office interview in lieu of a face-to-face interview at application for NACF households. This waiver is expected to increase CalFresh participation in households where work is a barrier to applying for benefits. Counties that received an allocation for the Face-to-Face Waiver during FY 2011-12 received the same amount in FY 2012-13. All other counties' allocations were distributed based on a percent-to-total of their projected FY 2012-13 caseload growth.

Senior Nutrition Assembly Bill (AB) 69

The Senior Nutrition program allows counties to simplify the CalFresh enrollment process for low-income seniors, pursuant to [AB 69](#) (Chapter 502, Statutes of 2011). To the extent permitted by federal law, or other federal authority, counties will be allowed to utilize existing information maintained by the Federal Social Security Administration regarding low-income social security benefit recipients, to develop a streamlined application or simplify the application process in the CalFresh program for these recipients. Counties that will be implementing the Senior Nutrition program received their full budgeted amounts. Those counties that are not scheduled to immediately implement the program received allocations based on a percent-to-total of their county's budgeted amount of the remaining budgeted funds.

School Lunch (AB 402)

The School Lunch program provides the option for local school districts or county offices of education to partner with local county CalFresh offices to identify potential new CalFresh applicants. Pursuant to [AB 402](#) (Chapter 504, Statutes of 2011), households that qualify for free or reduced-price school meals will be notified that they may also qualify for CalFresh benefits. With authorization from the applicant, the information included in the School Lunch Program application will be shared with the local CalFresh county office for consideration of eligibility. Funds for the School Lunch program were distributed based on a percent-to-total of each county's budgeted amount.

Semiannual Reporting (SAR) Mailing/Notification

Funding for SAR Mailing/Notification reflects mailing costs to notify affected recipients of two important changes. The first mailing will notify recipients of a change in reporting requirements from quarterly to SAR, as required by [AB 6](#) (Chapter 501, Statutes of 2011). The second mailing will notify recipients of the California Work Opportunity And Responsibility to Kids Refocusing proposal. Funds were distributed using a percent-to-total of each county's average monthly caseload of the most recent 12 months (January 2011 - December 2011). The SAR training funds will be deferred to FY 2013-14 to coincide with counties' actual implementation of SAR.

Transferability of Funds

Due to the implementation of [AB 118](#), (Chapter 40, Statutes of 2011), [ABX1 16](#) (Chapter 13, First Extraordinary Session, Statutes of 2011) and [Senate Bill 1020](#) (Chapter 40, Statutes of 2012), the transferability of funds between Foster Care and CalFresh is no longer available for Alpine, Amador, Colusa, Glenn, Inyo, Lassen, Mariposa, Modoc, Mono, Plumas, Sierra and Trinity Counties as in prior years.

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

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

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Attachments

FY 2012-13 CALFRESH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE ALLOCATION

COUNTY	FY 2012-13 Base GF Allocation	Face-to-Face GF Allocation	Senior Nutrition (AB 69) GF Allocation	School Lunch (AB 402) GF Allocation	SAR Mailing/Notification GF Allocation	TOTAL CALFRESH ADMIN. GF Allocation
Alameda	\$20,432,197	\$63,959	\$0	\$94,435	\$14,704	\$20,605,295
Alpine	\$60,733	\$38	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$60,971
Amador	\$463,250	\$604	\$0	\$0	\$328	\$464,182
Butte	\$3,510,884	\$17,474	\$0	\$0	\$3,341	\$3,531,699
Calaveras	\$746,053	\$963	\$0	\$0	\$598	\$747,614
Colusa	\$247,480	\$264	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$247,944
Contra Costa	\$13,770,053	\$33,492	\$0	\$0	\$7,130	\$13,810,675
Del Norte	\$687,736	\$1,058	\$0	\$0	\$571	\$689,365
El Dorado	\$2,035,857	\$6,497	\$0	\$0	\$1,525	\$2,043,879
Fresno	\$21,055,989	\$104,620	\$45,603	\$0	\$20,254	\$21,226,466
Glenn	\$515,049	\$1,680	\$0	\$0	\$319	\$517,048
Humboldt	\$4,474,754	\$3,476	\$0	\$0	\$1,814	\$4,480,044
Imperial	\$3,379,894	\$16,353	\$0	\$0	\$3,256	\$3,399,503
Inyo	\$313,408	\$378	\$0	\$0	\$228	\$314,014
Kern	\$12,707,708	\$62,502	\$0	\$0	\$12,299	\$12,782,509
Kings	\$1,979,918	\$11,649	\$0	\$0	\$2,278	\$1,993,845
Lake	\$1,419,672	\$5,153	\$0	\$0	\$1,173	\$1,425,998
Lassen	\$453,866	\$1,905	\$0	\$0	\$355	\$456,126
Los Angeles	\$147,634,211	\$579,101	\$257,589	\$787,566	\$112,742	\$149,371,209
Madera	\$1,930,041	\$12,882	\$0	\$0	\$2,296	\$1,945,219
Marin	\$2,120,756	\$6,832	\$0	\$0	\$1,325	\$2,128,913
Mariposa	\$273,839	\$321	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$274,360
Mendocino	\$2,300,209	\$9,296	\$0	\$0	\$1,824	\$2,311,329
Merced	\$5,088,868	\$22,403	\$0	\$0	\$4,660	\$5,115,931
Modoc	\$218,019	\$189	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$218,408
Mono	\$290,475	\$560	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$291,235
Monterey	\$6,790,214	\$18,033	\$0	\$0	\$4,095	\$6,812,342
Napa	\$1,323,779	\$3,920	\$1,732	\$0	\$808	\$1,330,239
Nevada	\$1,115,975	\$3,473	\$0	\$0	\$683	\$1,120,131
Orange	\$25,460,231	\$34,267	\$0	\$0	\$18,766	\$25,513,264
Placer	\$3,693,149	\$3,192	\$0	\$0	\$1,914	\$3,698,255
Plumas	\$293,580	\$264	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$294,044
Riverside	\$27,803,036	\$100,922	\$0	\$0	\$23,473	\$27,927,431
Sacramento	\$26,371,499	\$33,568	\$0	\$0	\$19,480	\$26,424,547
San Benito	\$684,611	\$1,115	\$0	\$0	\$655	\$686,381
San Bernardino	\$37,303,821	\$146,175	\$0	\$0	\$32,682	\$37,482,678
San Diego	\$33,855,106	\$90,505	\$63,747	\$0	\$26,698	\$34,036,056
San Francisco	\$17,195,821	\$41,892	\$16,828	\$0	\$8,279	\$17,262,820
San Joaquin	\$6,545,949	\$45,589	\$0	\$0	\$4,672	\$6,596,210
San Luis Obispo	\$3,338,139	\$10,193	\$0	\$0	\$2,114	\$3,350,446
San Mateo	\$4,625,355	\$11,089	\$6,325	\$0	\$1,327	\$4,644,096
Santa Barbara	\$5,336,537	\$13,890	\$0	\$0	\$3,068	\$5,353,495
Santa Clara	\$20,793,771	\$53,093	\$28,835	\$73,999	\$10,736	\$20,960,434
Santa Cruz	\$3,616,646	\$13,441	\$0	\$0	\$2,475	\$3,632,562
Shasta	\$3,431,327	\$14,785	\$6,341	\$0	\$2,973	\$3,455,426
Sierra	\$116,752	\$116	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$117,068
Siskiyou	\$824,460	\$3,248	\$0	\$0	\$542	\$828,250
Solano	\$6,986,530	\$21,843	\$0	\$0	\$4,401	\$7,012,774
Sonoma	\$4,821,222	\$18,033	\$0	\$0	\$3,939	\$4,843,194
Stanislaus	\$9,988,694	\$39,989	\$0	\$0	\$8,864	\$10,037,547
Sutter	\$1,064,214	\$5,825	\$0	\$0	\$1,095	\$1,071,134
Tehama	\$1,113,935	\$5,153	\$0	\$0	\$945	\$1,120,033
Trinity	\$298,417	\$303	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$298,920
Tulare	\$11,254,864	\$51,750	\$0	\$0	\$9,157	\$11,315,771
Tuolumne	\$918,308	\$3,473	\$0	\$0	\$709	\$922,490
Ventura	\$9,548,164	\$37,859	\$0	\$0	\$6,716	\$9,592,739
Yolo	\$2,594,812	\$8,625	\$0	\$0	\$1,719	\$2,605,156
Yuba	\$1,819,163	\$7,728	\$0	\$0	\$1,395	\$1,828,286
TOTAL	\$529,039,000	\$1,807,000	\$427,000	\$956,000	\$399,000	\$532,628,000

**FY 2012-13 CALFRESH PROGRAM
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM)
CODES**

Expenditures reported to the following Program Codes on the quarterly County Expense Claim capture costs against the CalFresh allocation:

211 – CalFresh Issuance (& EBT Project for San Diego and San Bernardino only)
218 – NACF - IEVS
234 – Fraud - NACF AFIRM (LA County)
268 – SAVE Program – NACF
275 – EFD/P - NACF
310 – NACF - Fraud
312 – Fraud - PA CalFresh
334 – Fraud - NACF AFIRM (LA County)
341 – EFD/P - NACF (WFI)
343 – NACF Eligibility
344 – NACF Program Integrity
347 – NACF - Quality Control
606 – CFAP – Families
609 – CFAP – Singles
611 – NACF - Jail Match (SB 1556)

State Use Only Codes

284 – SUO – NACF – County Overmatch
298 – SUO - NACF SB90 / CalWORKs County MOE Related
814 – SUO MOE Excess CF Admin