DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

May 24, 2004

County Fiscal Letter (CFL) No. 03/04-54

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

SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLY THE NEW FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE (FMAP) RATE TO FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PAYMENTS.

Effective for Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2004 and 2005, the FMAP rate will be maintained at the rate of 50 percent. The FFY runs from October 1st through September 30th. The programs affected by the FMAP rate change for which the Fiscal Systems and Accounting Branch provides policy/claims include:

Program	Claim Form Number
Adoption Assistance Program	CA 800A FED (4/26/04)
Federal Children in Foster Care	CA 800 FC FED (4/26/04)
Federal Children in FC-SB 163 Wraparound	CA 800 FC FED (4/26/04)

Because the FMAP rate has not changed, Line 15 on the CA 800A FED and Line 20 on the CA 800 FC FED Assistance Claims will not be revised.

An All County Information Notice (ACIN) concerning the change in the FMAP rate for the In-Home Supportive Services, and Personal Care Services programs, will be released soon. Also, Block Grant programs are not subject to the FMAP rate.

Please e-mail any questions to Assistance.Claims@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely

Original Letter signed on 5/21/04

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c: CWDA