

UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST

The California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program requires County Welfare Departments (CWDs) to initiate an Intercounty Transfer (ICT) of a case when an eligible family moves from one county to another within California. ICTs are intended to ensure a seamless transition of aid from one county to another in which the family's benefits are not interrupted. CalWORKs regulations require that the family attend a face-to-face interview in the second county in order for that county to ensure that the family continues to remain eligible for benefits.

Under existing regulations, the second county in an ICT process redetermines the eligibility of the transferring family, because the family's circumstances have changed as a result of relocation. The process is similar to the annual redetermination process. And, although the ICT process requires that the receiving county conduct a face-to-face interview with the family and review their completed application, the CWD does not treat the family as an applicant family.

These proposed regulations will exempt non-needy caretaker relatives who are receiving CalWORKs program benefits on behalf of a child who is a dependent of the court from the requirement of a face-to-face interview in their new county of residence when the family moves from one county to another. These proposed regulations will also require CWDs to verify that the relative has been appropriately approved to care for the child, and is not receiving CalWORKs benefits for him or herself.

These regulations were considered at the public hearing held on February 10, 2010 in Sacramento, California. Written testimony was received during the 45-day comment period and as a result a clarifying change has been made to the regulations.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.8, a 15-day renofice and complete text of modifications made to the regulations were made available to the public following the public hearing. No written testimony on the modifications renoficed for public comment from May 19 to June 3, 2010 was received.