

## UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST

These proposed regulations implement and make specific Senate Bill (SB) 962, (Chapter 795, Statutes of 2000), which amended Section 11006.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. SB 962 states that California welfare recipients are in the process of making the transition from welfare into the paid labor market. Part of this transition should include participation in the economic mainstream by having the choice to establish banking relationships. Direct deposit of public assistance payments is provided to assist welfare recipients in this transition by reducing a barrier to full participation in the banking system.

The CDSS is required to provide for the delivery of public assistance payments, more specifically, current regulations specify that public assistance payments be issued as a paper warrant. The proposed regulations add that the public assistance payments may be issued by an electronically-based system. The proposed regulations, consistent with Section 11006.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, provide for the direct deposit of public assistance payments as specified; including that the direct deposit of assistance payments shall be available to CalWORKs recipients in any county that offers a program or direct payroll deposit to some or all their employees and that the CalWORKs recipient can request direct deposit at any time.

Following the public hearings, Section 25-506 is amended to replace the phrase “public assistance payment” with the term “warrant” in one instance, as specified in the regulations. The term “warrant” was amended with the emergency regulations to “public assistance payment” throughout these regulations, however, in this case the term “warrant” is the correct language.

Following the 15-day renote, no further changes are proposed to the regulations.