

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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CSS LETTER: 02-20

ALL IV-D DIRECTORS
 ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
 ALL BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM – REPAYMENT SHARING RATIOS FOR
 FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2003

This letter provides the new repayment sharing ratios for the Federal Medical Assistance Percentages for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2003. The rates are used to determine the federal, State and county shares of child support collections on the Monthly Report of Collections and Distributions (CS 34) and Assistance Related Distribution/Disbursement Summary (CS 35). [NOTE: Due to changes in State CalWORKs sharing ratios, the Department of Child Support Services is in the process of updating the CS 35. In the interim, local child support agencies (LCSAs) should report Aid Codes 35, 32, 3A, and 3C on the existing CS 35, Section C (Current Assistance), Line 10, State (35) CalWORKs and/or Section D (Former Assistance), Line 19, State (35) Cal WORKs.]

These percentages are effective October 1, 2002, through September 30, 2003. The federal sharing ratios will decrease from the FFY 2002 rate of 51.40% to 50.00% for FFY 2003.

Pursuant to the Department of Social Services (DSS), County Fiscal Letter No. 00/01-36 (attached), county welfare departments were instructed to stop using Aid Code 4C and to report their Federal Voluntary Foster Care population as Aid Code 42 beginning the October 2000 claiming month. Aid Code 4C was reserved by DSS for future use. The LCSAs shall review their caseload for Aid Code 4C designations and convert them to Aid Code 42 with an effective date of October 1, 2000.

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<u>Reason for this Transmittal</u>	
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Effective June 1, 2002 Aid Code 4C was transitioned from Federal Foster Care to a Non-Federal Foster Care aid category in order to provide an extension of support services related to emancipation from the Foster Care Program. The aid code and definition are as follows:

Aid Code 4C: Supportive Transitional Emancipation Program -- Includes youths 18 – 21 years of age who have been emancipated from foster care.

Aid Code 4C, Supportive Transitional Emancipation Program, serves emancipated youths only, and therefore Aid Code 4C does not require the collection of current support or tracking.

In addition, two new non-federal aid codes have been added to reflect necessary aid code changes for the CalWORKs cases in which the adult(s) has received TANF-funded assistance for a cumulative total of 60 months. [Please see All County Letter No. 02-66 and Attachment A for specific aid codes and funding information attached.] These two new aid codes are effective January 1, 2003.

The new aid codes and their definitions are as follows:

Aid Code 3A: Safety Net – All Other Families, CalWORKs Timed-Out, Child-Only Case -- This aid code is to be used for cases previously categorized as “All Other Families,” in which all adults have been discontinued from cash aid and removed from the assistance unit (AU) due to reaching the CalWORKs 60-month time limit without meeting a time extender exception. The code shall be used for all cases in this category, regardless of the family’s citizenship status prior to timing out (e.g., “legal non-citizen, all other” or “legal non-citizen, all other, mixed”).

Aid Code 3C: Safety Net – Two Parent Families, CalWORKs Timed-Out, Child-Only Case -- This aid code is to be used for cases previously categorized as two-parent cases (prior to both parents timing out), in which both adults are discontinued from cash aid and removed from the AU for reaching the CalWORKs 60-month time limit without meeting a time limit extender exemption. (Note: Adults in two-parent cases may reach the 60-month limit at different times. The case is shifted to Aid Code 3C only when the second parent is discontinued.) The code shall be used for all cases in this category, regardless of the family’s citizenship status prior to timing out (e.g., “legal non-citizen, two-parent” or “legal non-citizen, two-parent mixed”).

The new repayment ratios are as follows:

<u>AID CATEGORY</u>	<u>AID CODE</u>	<u>SHARING RATIOS</u>		
		Federal	State	County
Federal				
CalWORKs All Families	30, 3P	.5000	.4750	.0250
CalWORKs Zero Parent Case	33, 3R	.5000	.4750	.0250
CalWORKs Legal Immigrants All Families	3E	.5000	.4750	.0250
CalWORKs Legal Immigrants Two Parent Families	3U	.5000	.4750	.0250
CalWORKs Legal Immigrants Zero Parent Case	3H	.5000	.4750	.0250
KinGAP	4F	.5000	.2500	.2500
Foster Care	42	.5000	.2000	.3000

<u>AID CATEGORY</u>	<u>AID CODE</u>	<u>SHARING RATIOS</u>		
Non-Federal		Federal	State	County
CalWORKs Two Parent Case	35	.0000	.9750	.0250
TANF – Timed Out Case	32	.0000	.9750	.0250
Safety Net – All Other Families, CalWORKS Timed Out	3A	.0000	.9750	.0250
Safety Net – Two Parent Families, CalWORKs Timed Out	3C	.0000	.9750	.0250
CalWORKs Legal Immigrants All Families	3L	.0000	.9500	.0500
TANF – Legal Immigrants Timed Out, Mixed Case	3W	.0000	.9500	.0500
CalWORKs Legal Immigrants Two Parent Families	3M	.0000	.9500	.0500
CalWORKs Legal Immigrants Zero Parent Case	3G	.0000	.9500	.0500
KinGAP	4G	.0000	.5000	.5000
Foster Care	40	.0000	.4000	.6000

Child Support collections received to recoup aid paid under the Emergency Assistance (EA) aid programs (06 and 43 aid categories) should be processed under the CalWORKs All Families, Federal category.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding the repayment sharing ratios for FFY 2003, please contact Tonya Crawford-Comage, Manager, Financial Management Policy Unit at (916) 464-5224. Questions regarding CS 35 reporting should be directed to Doug Rose at (916) 464-5038 or Ed Lynch at (916) 464-5020.

Sincerely,

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