Reason for this Transmittal

[] State Law or Regulation Change[] Federal Law or Regulation

Change

[X] Initiated by DCSS

[] Court Order or Settlement Change [] Clarification requested by One or More Counties

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

SUBJECT: FAMILY REUNIFICATION COMPROMISE OF ARREARAGES REPORTING – AB 1449

The purpose of this letter is to advise all local child support agencies (LCSAs) that the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) has elected to extend the reporting requirement for the Family Reunification Compromise of Arrearages Program which resulted from the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 1449. AB 1449 addresses arrearages that accrued while a child was in foster care or otherwise placed with a relative, caretaker, or guardian. Per CSS Letter 03-15 dated August 21, 2003, LCSAs were advised that reporting of this data would only continue through June 30, 2004. Due to the continued interest in the data related to this program, DCSS is now extending the reporting time period indefinitely.

DCSS is considering automating the Compromise of Arrearages – Family Reunification reporting process, but in the meantime, LCSAs shall continue to submit the CS 4482 to DCSS quarterly, no later than the 15th day of the month following the close of the reporting period (October 15, January 15, April 15, and July 15). The report may be submitted via email to elizabeth.hepworth@dcss.ca.gov, postal service, or by fax (916) 464-5898 (please note that this is a new fax number). If you have not already submitted the reports for the last quarter of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 04 and the first two quarters of FFY 05, please do so now. Regular reporting due dates will resume with the third quarter of FFY 05 which will be due on July 15, 2005.

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If you have any questions or concerns about data collection or reporting procedures, please contact Elizabeth Hepworth at (916) 464-5807.

Sincerely,

o/s/Sandra O. Poole

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