

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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Reason for this Transmittal

- State Law or Regulation Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order or Settlement Change
- Clarification requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by DCSS

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LCSA LETTER: 05-10

ALL IV-D DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: 2004 DATA RELIABILITY REVIEW

The purpose of this letter is to inform local child support agencies (LCSAs) that the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Office of Audit, completed their Data Reliability Review (DRR) of the performance indicator data submitted by California for the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2004 reporting period and that no significant deficiencies were identified.

As explained in LCSA Letter 04-05 dated January 28, 2004, states that have passed two consecutive Data Reliability Audits (DRA), and met all performance standards are excused from a formal audit for one year. As you know, California passed both DRA 2002 and 2003. California's success in these audits was due in large part to the effort and commitment at the local level in implementing the Quarterly Data Reliability Reviews and the Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement process.

States excused from an audit are still required to provide audit trails to support the data being reported for incentive purposes as well as a management assertion that the system used to report the data has not undergone significant change since the last audit. The audit staff performed a limited DRR or "desk audit" of the audit trails, primarily to ensure that the audit trails matched the data being reported.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the data reliability effort. If you have any questions regarding the DRR, please contact Elizabeth González, Audit Manager, at (916) 464-5048.

Sincerely,

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