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May 28, 2008

LCSA LETTER: 08-07

ALL IV-D DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FAMILY REUNIFICATION COMPROMISE
OF ARREARS PROGRAMReason 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

The purpose of this letter is to provide easier access to the information required to administer the Family Reunification Compromise of Arrears Program (FR COAP). This program is a result of Assembly Bill 1449 and is now reflected in Family Code 17415, 17550, 17552 and the Welfare and Institution Code 903.

Please note that pursuant to California Code of Regulation (CCR) Title 22 Section 119191, FR COAP criteria does not require that the child be reunited with the applicant pursuant to a court order unless the child was adjudged a dependent of the court under Section 300 of the Welfare and Institution Code.

If the child received public assistance while living with a guardian or relative caregiver and the child has been returned to the custody of and is residing with the applicant (and the applicant is who the child resided with prior to the child's placement with the guardian or relative caregiver), the case would meet the initial criteria for FR COAP.

The following links provide access to:

- 1) CCR Title 22 Section 119191 which oversees the FR COAP program

<http://ccr.oal.ca.gov>

- Select "List of CCR titles"
- Select "Title 22. Social Security"
- You may need to select "Continue to Weblinks" to move forward
- Select "Division 13. Department of Child Support Services"
- Select "Chapter 9. Collection and Distribution of Child Support"
- Select "Article 6. Compromise of Assigned Arrearages - Family Reunification"
- Select "Section 119191. Compromise of Assigned Arrearages – Family Reunification"

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2) FR COAP forms on the local child support agency (LCSA) secure website (a password is required)

https://counties.dcss.ca.gov/NonCCSAS_Form/FRCOAP_default.asp

- Select “PDF Fillable Forms for Transitioned Counties”
- Select “FR-COA Forms – PDF Editable Versions”

3) Updated Federal Poverty Guideline Figures
(LCSA letter 08-05 dated March 24, 2008)

<http://www.childsup.ca.gov/Portals/0/resources/docs/policy/lcsa/2008/lcsa08-05.pdf>

As a reminder, Department of Child Support Services terminated the reporting requirement for FR COAP data per Child Support Services Letter 06-38.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Vickie Ruise at (916) 464-5883.

Sincerely,

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