


CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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TO: ALL IV-D DIRECTORS
 ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
 ALL COUNTY AUDITORS
 ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

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

SUBJECT: CHANGE TO FILING SUPPLEMENTAL CLAIM TIMEFRAME

This letter is to inform counties of changes to the timeframes for submission of supplemental administrative expenditure claims for county child support programs resulting from the passage of Assembly Bill 1358, Chapter 808, Statutes of 2000. This bill added Section 17540 of the Family Code which requires the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) to pay only those county claims for federal or state reimbursement which are filed with the DCSS within nine months of the end of the calendar quarter in which the costs are paid. This is a change from the prior timeframe of 18 months. The new provision became effective July 1, 2000, with the September 2000 quarterly administrative claim.

Family Code Section 17540 (a) (1) states: "Commencing July 1, 2000, the department shall pay only those county claims for federal or state reimbursement under this division which are filed with the department within nine months of the end of the calendar quarter in which the costs are paid. A claim filed after that time may only be paid if the claim falls within the exceptions set forth in federal law."

Information on this bill and bill text is also available from the California Legislative Home Page on the Internet. The address is: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov>. When you access the Home Page, click on the link to "Bill Information" and then enter the appropriate bill number.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding the revised claiming timeframes, please contact the County Allocation and Claims Policy Unit at (916) 464-5150.

Sincerely,

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 Deputy Director
 Administrative Services Division

cc: Margaret Pena, Executive Director
 Child Support Directors Association