

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

P.O. Box 419064, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9064



August 28, 2006

ERRATA

CSS LETTER: 05-03

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

SUBJECT: CSS LETTER 05-03 ERRATA

This letter rescinds the maternity pause policy specified in CSS Letter 05-03. A local child support agency (LCSA) shall not open a case upon receipt of a referral for an unborn child.

The attached California Department of Social Services All County Information Notice (ACIN) I-39-06 states IV-A policy that county welfare departments should not make a referral for a pregnant woman to an LCSA until after the child is born. If the LCSA receives a referral for an unborn child, the LCSA may refer the county welfare department to ACIN I-39-06 which clarifies the policy on referring a pregnant woman to the LCSA.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Jon Cordova at (916) 464-5055.

Sincerely,

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KAREN ECHEVERRIA
Deputy Director
Child Support Services Division

Attachment

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

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



May 25, 2006

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-39-06

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
 Federal Law or Regulation
Change
 Court Order
 Clarification Requested by
One or More Counties
 Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: REFERRAL OF PREGNANT WOMEN AND PREGNANT MINOR CASES
TO LOCAL CHILD SUPPORT AGENCIES

REFERENCE: Manual of Policies and Procedures Section 82-506

This letter clarifies policy on referring pregnant women and pregnant minor parent cases to the Local Child Support Agency (LCSA).

Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) 82-506 states, "As a condition of eligibility for assistance each CalWORKs or foster care applicant/recipient shall assign to the county all rights to child/spousal support for the applicant/recipient or any other family member required to be in the AU under Section 82-820.3".

Since an unborn child is not mandated to be included in the Assistance Unit (AU), nor have support rights been established for the unborn child, County Welfare Departments (CWD) shall defer sending child support referrals for pregnant women and minor parent cases to the LCSA until after the child is born.

As a reminder, in cases where a pregnant applicant/recipient has an eligible child(ren) with absent parent deprivation or for whom paternity must be established, the following forms shall be obtained for that child(ren):

- CW 2.1NA Notice and Agreement for Child, Spousal and Medical Support
- CW 2.1Q Support Questionnaire
- CW 371 Referral to LCSA

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your CalWORKs county consultant.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

KAREN CAGLE, Chief
Employment and Eligibility Branch

c: CWDA
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