

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

August 18, 2003

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 03-37

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL WELFARE TO WORK COORDINATORS
ALL TRIBAL CHAIRPERSONS

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: TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) AND CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) 60-MONTH TIME LIMIT EXEMPTION FOR CalWORKs RECIPIENTS LIVING IN INDIAN COUNTRY WHERE THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS 50 PERCENT OR HIGHER

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 02-91
ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 02-33
MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (MPP) 42-302.21(h)

ACL 02-33 was sent to the counties on May 1, 2002, summarizing the changes to the CalWORKs 60-month time limit regulations and detailing the procedures for informing recipients of their time on aid. One of the time limit exemptions is for individuals who live in Indian Country or an Alaskan native village, where the unemployment rate was 50 percent or higher. ACL 02-33 required the counties to contact the Reservations/Rancherias to obtain their unemployment rates. In an effort to assist the counties in applying this time limit exemption, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) contacted the Reservations/Rancherias throughout California and obtained their unemployment rates. This ACL is part of an ongoing effort by CDSS to provide the counties, on an annual basis, the most up to date information on the unemployment rate for California Reservations/Rancherias. With this information the counties will be able to apply time limit exemptions in the most efficient manner.

The attached chart shows the Reservations/Rancherias that responded to the Department's request and listed their unemployment rate as 50 percent or higher during 2002. Individuals who lived in these areas qualify for the time limit exemption during this year. If an individual disagrees with the attached chart and can provide documentation from a Native American Tribe, substantiating that they lived in Indian Country where the unemployment rate was at least 50 percent they may also qualify for this time limit exemption.

Those counties in which a Tribal TANF Program operates may need to provide verification of clients' CalWORKs time on aid and any time limit exemptions. The Tribal TANF Program will notify their clients of their remaining time on aid.

If you have questions regarding this and other time limit exemptions contact Charissa Miguelino, CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau, at (916) 657-3665. For questions regarding the unemployment rates for Indian Country, please call David Willey, CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau, at (916) 654-3062.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by
Bruce Wagstaff on 8/18/03*

Deputy Director
Welfare to Work Division

Attachment

c: CWDA
CSAC

**TRIBE AND INDIAN COUNTRY THAT HAVE EXEMPTIONS
TO THEIR TANF AND CalWORKs 60-MONTH TIME LIMIT IN 2002
DUE TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**

TRIBE – INDIAN COUNTRY	ZIP CODES	COUNTY
Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria	95551	Humboldt
Berry Creek Rancheria	95966	Butte
Blue Lake Rancheria	95525	Humboldt
Cahto Tribe of Laytonville	95454	Mendocino
Cedarville Rancheria	96101	Modoc
Chemehuevi Reservation	92363	San Bernardino
Coyote Valley Tribal Council	95470	Mendocino
Fort Yuma Indian Reservation	85366	Imperial
Guidiville Indian Rancheria	95481	Mendocino
Hoopla Valley Indian Reservation	95546	Humboldt
Indian Canyon Band of Coastanoan/Mutsen Indians	95024	San Benito
La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians	92061	San Diego
Los Coyotes Band of Indians	92086	San Diego
Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians	93614	Madera
Potter Valley Tribe	95482	Mendocino
Redwood Valley Rancheria	95470	Mendocino
Resighini Rancheria	95548	Del Norte
Robinson Rancheria	95464	Lake
Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueno Indians	92070	San Diego
Smith River Rancheria	95567	Del Norte
Stewarts Point Rancheria	95403	Sonoma
Table Bluff Reservation	95551	Humboldt
Trinidad Rancheria	95570	Humboldt
United Auburn Indian Community	95658	Placer
Yurok Indian Reservation	95548	Humboldt