

Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) Program Guide (PG) Letter 14

September 12, 2008

Subject **OCTOBER 2008 CAPI COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA)**

Effective Date October 1, 2008

References

- Draft All-County Information Notice (ACIN)
- E-mail dated August 28, 2008
- ACIN I-26-08
- CAPI PG Letter #9
- CAPI PG Letter #11

Purpose The purpose of this SN is to inform staff that the postponed CAPI COLA has been suspended indefinitely.

Background CAPI PG Letter 9 introduced the CAPI payment standards effective January 1, 2008 as well as June 1, 2008. CAPI PG Letter 11 informed staff that the June 1 COLA was postponed to October 1, 2008.

Suspended COLA The Department of Social Services (DSS) has instructed the counties to not implement the CAPI COLA previously scheduled for October 2008. It is anticipated that the statute authorizing the State Supplementary Payment (SSP) COLA effective October 1, 2008 will be repealed. Should the statute not be repealed instructions will be provided at a later date to implement a retroactive COLA.

Required Action The Food Stamp COLA is still scheduled to run the weekend of September 6 as planned. The CAPI cases will not be included. A list has been attached to the electronic version of this Letter which provides the cases for which EDBC was run after the Reference Table had been updated for the October COLA. These cases must have EDBC re-run before the Notice of Action (NOA) cutoff to get the grant back to the previous level.

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Automation Impact As stated above.

Forms Impact No impact.

Quality Assurance Impact The California Department of Social Services has not specified a Quality Assurance requirement for CAPI and appeals are handled through the usual State hearing process.

Summary of Changes Appendix G-12 has been removed as that COLA will not occur.

Filing Instructions The table below shows how to file the CAPI PG material.

Action	Pages
Remove	Appendix G-11 through Appendix G-12
Replace	Appendix G-11

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