

September 30, 2013

CalWORKs Program Guide Letter No. 298

Subject **NEW YOUNG CHILD EXEMPTIONS–QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Effective Date September 30, 2013

Reference All County Letter (ACL) No. 13-52
CalWORKs Program Guide (CPG) Special Notice 03-08 Addendum A

Purpose To provide questions and answers to clarify implementation regulations regarding the new young child exemption.

This letter also incorporates information regarding other Welfare-To-Work (WTW) participation exemptions; including clarifications regarding the CW 61 Authorization to Release Medical Information form, previously issued via CPG Special Notice 03-08 Addendum A and CalWORKs Policy Inquiry (PI) 2012-05.

Note: CPG Special Notice 03-08 Addendum A and PI 2012-05 become obsolete with the issuance of this CPG letter.

Background An individual may be exempt only **once** under the new young child WTW participation exemption for a parent or caretaker relative who has primary responsibility for providing care to one child from birth through 23 months of age.

As this is a one-time exemption, an individual may choose to use this exemption or save it for a later time. Staff will not apply this exemption without first obtaining the individual's consent.

Summary of Updates The following CPG section has been loaded to the CPG online:

CPG Section	Title	Program Updates
10-020.A	Welfare-To-Work (WTW) Exemptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section title updated• Clarification added regarding WTW exemption regulations• Procedural and

		operational information added for eligibility and employment staff
11-001.E	New Young Child Exemptions Questions and Answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added section to include New Young Child Exemption questions and answers
Special Notice 03-18 Addendum A	Exempt Volunteers Welfare-To-Work Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Becomes obsolete with the issuance of this letter
Policy Inquiry 2012-05	Medical Verification Completed by Doctor Outside of the US	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Becomes obsolete with the issuance of this letter

Changes to the CPG are noted with **highlighted text**.

Reminders

Employment Case Managers (ECMs) are reminded that during the SB 1041 comprehensive discussion, as described in [CPG 10-001.F](#), that clients must be advised that this new young child exemption is a once-in-a-lifetime option and it is at the discretion of the client to consider reserving this exemption for the caregiving of a future child (or to exercise it at a later date with respect to an current child).

In addition, the current WTW participation exemptions for clients providing care for young children must be explained to clients to assist them in deciding which, if any, young child exemption to use.

CalFresh Program Impact

No impacts to the CalFresh Program.

Medi-Cal Program Impact

No impacts to the Medi-Cal Program.

General Relief Program Impact

No impacts to the General Relief Program.

Child Care Program Impact

No impacts to the Child Care Program.

County Medical Services Impact

No impacts to the County Medical Services Program.

Automation Impact

None.

ACCESS Impact

ACCESS Customer Service Agents may receive questions from callers requesting clarification on the New Young Child or other WTW exemptions. Agents are required to provide information to callers regarding these regulations and/or send a SharePoint message to the appropriate Family Resource Center as needed.

Forms Impact

None.

Document Capture Impact

None.

Quality Control Impact

Quality Control will cite the appropriate error when the regulations cited in this program material have not been followed.

Director Approval



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