

February 20, 2014

## CalWORKs Program Guide Letter No. 313

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**Subject**            **CHANGES TO ASSET LIMITS FOR FAMILIES THAT INCLUDE ELDERLY OR DISABLED HOUSHOLD MEMBERS**

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**Effective Date**    October 1, 2011

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**Reference**            All County Letters (ACL) 13-97

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**Purpose**                To notify Family Resource Center (FRC) staff of changes to the maximum asset limit for CalWORKs families that include an elderly or disabled household member.

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**Background**        CalWORKs families are allowed to retain countable resources in an amount equal to the amount allowed by the CalFresh program regulations.

In October 2011, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) increased the resource limit for CalFresh households that include an elderly or disabled members to \$3,250.

In order to maintain maximum compatibility between the programs, CalWORKs is also adopting the increased property limit of \$3,250 for families that include a disabled member or a person age 60 or over.

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**Summary of Updates**    The following CPG sections have been loaded to the online CPG:

CPG Section	Title	Program Updates
<a href="#">42-200.B.1</a>	Property Resource Limit	Updated the maximum resource limits amount for elderly or disabled households.

Changes to the CPG are noted with highlighted text.

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**Human Services Specialist (HSS) Actions**

Due to the delay in receiving this regulation change from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), some Assistance Units (AUs) may have been denied or discontinued for excess resources since October 2011. If a Human Services Specialist (HSS) finds that an AU was denied cash aid or has had their cash aid discontinued as a result of exceeding the \$3,000 resource limit, the HSS is required to re-evaluate eligibility for the AU and restore any benefits that would have been authorized under the increased resource limit as of October 2011.

Additionally, if the county has collected or is currently collecting an overpayment (OP) based on excess resources for AUs fitting this description for any period from October 1, 2011, the HSS is required to review the case to determine if the AU was actually under the \$3,250 resource limit, and if so, immediately cancel the OP and return any funds collected pursuant to CPG 44-350.

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**Management Reports**

**Management Reports** will be provided to the FRCs to review potential impacted cases. HSS's are required to re-evaluate eligibility for any impacted cases, as stated in the instructions above.

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**CalFresh Program Impact**

No impact.

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**Medi-Cal Program Impact**

No impact.

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**General Relief Program Impact**

No impact.

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**Child Care Program Impact**

No impact.

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**County  
Medical  
Services  
Program  
Impact**

No impact.

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**Automation  
Impact**

CalWIN changes to reflect these new regulations are work in progress and scheduled to be updated in the near future.

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**ACCESS  
Impact**

No impact.

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**Forms Impact**

No impact.

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**Document  
Capture  
Impact**

No impact.

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**Quality  
Control Impact**

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

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