

General Relief (GR) Program Guide (PG) Letter #74

February 11, 2014

Subject	GR COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA)
Effective	March 1, 2014
Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board of Supervisors Minute Orders 11/6/13 (3) and 12/3/13 (14)• All-County Letter (ACL) 14-05
Purpose	To provide revised grant tables for the increased GR grant effective March 1, 2014.
Background	As part of the implementation of the GR Program changes that were effective February 1, 2014, GR grant amounts will change whenever the CalWORKs grant amounts change. The percent of the increase or decrease to GR grant amounts will be identical to the percent of increase or decrease to CalWORKs grant amount changes.
Highlighted Changes	Since CalWORKs will have a 5% grant increase effective March 1, 2014 GR will have a 5% grant increase effective the same date.
Required Action	GR workers shall use the revised grant amounts to determine grant amounts for March 2014 and ongoing.
Automation Impact	The GR COLA will be run the weekend of February 2. Instructions on any reports resulting from this run will be issued separately.
CMS IT System (AuthMed) Impact	No impact.
Forms Impact	No impact.

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**ACCESS
Impact** No impact.

**Scanning
Impact** No impact.

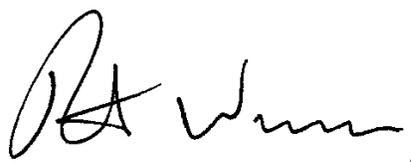
**CalFresh
Impact** The CalFresh benefits of recipients receiving both CalFresh and GR shall be recalculated and decreased if appropriate as a result of the increase in GR. This action is considered Known-to-County information. The worker will decrease the CalFresh allotment effective the first of the month for which timely notice can be provided to the household, as described in [CalFresh Program Guide 63-285.5 Public Assistance Grant Changes Mid-Period](#).

**Quality
Control (QC)
Impact** Effective with the April 2014 review month, QC will cite with the appropriate error any case that does not follow the requirements of this Letter.

**GRPG
Changes** The table below shows the changes to the GRPG (minor corrections are not listed).

Section	Changes
90-300.13	Updated grant amount
90-500 Appendix A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated grant amounts and In-Kind values• Clarified note regarding the amounts in the Appendix.
90-500 Appendix E	Updated Prorate Charts to show updated grant amounts
90-720.1	Updated grant amount

**Approval for
Release**

 2-11-14

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90-300.13. PERIOD OF INELIGIBILITY

I. Computation of Daily Need Rate

The basic need rate for a single person alone is multiplied by the conversion factor for one day. In Example 1 in G, above, a basic need rate of \$318 multiplied by .03333 (30 day month) is \$10.60 which is rounded by dropping cents to \$10. The \$10 daily need rate divided into the amount received of \$40 is four days. Any excess difference due to a partial day between the amount received and the daily need rate multiplied by the number of days is disregarded. For example, the daily need rate of \$10 times 4 days is \$40 with the \$0 difference between the \$40 received and the \$40 disregarded.

A similar calculation is made for married couples. If this was a married couple case with the same amount received, the number of days would be three.

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90-500 APPENDIX A. TABLE OF MAXIMUM BASIC NEEDS RATE AND IN-KIND VALUES (EFFECTIVE 3/1/2014)

GR Grant

No. of People Receiving GR	Grant*
1	\$318
2**	\$433

Single in Shared Household

No. of People in Household	Grant*
2**	\$270
3	\$254
4 or more	\$238

Notes

*This dollar amount represents the maximum grant level that is used in budgeting. (Note: The \$40 medical in-kind amount has not been deducted.) The grant for persons who pay for room and board will be the actual rate paid by recipient up to a grant level of \$318.

**Grant level for a married couple is \$433 in any living arrangement. (Note: The \$40 medical in-kind amount has not been deducted.)

In-Kind for Singles

Household Size	Total Grant	Housing	Utilities	Food	Medical Assistance	Other
1	\$318	\$174	\$31	\$15	\$40	\$58
2	\$270	\$149	\$27	\$13	\$40	\$41
3	\$254	\$140	\$25	\$12	\$40	\$37
4	\$238	\$131	\$23	\$11	\$40	\$33

In-Kind for Couples

Household Size	Total Grant	Housing	Utilities	Food	Medical Assistance	Other
1	\$318	\$174	\$31	\$15	\$40	\$58

2	\$433	\$238	\$43	\$21	\$40	\$91
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90-500 APPENDIX E. PRORATE CHARTS (Maximum Aid Minus \$40 Medical In-Kind Deduction) EFFECTIVE 3/1/2014

28-Day Chart February Only

Days Eligible	Total Number of People in Household				
	1	2	3	4 or more	Couple
1	9	8	7	7	13
2	19	16	15	14	28
3	29	24	22	21	42
4	39	32	30	28	56
5	49	41	38	35	70
6	59	49	45	42	84
7	69	57	53	49	98
8	79	65	61	56	112
9	89	73	68	63	126
10	99	82	76	70	140
11	109	90	84	77	154
12	119	98	91	84	168
13	129	106	99	91	182
14	139	115	107	99	196
15	148	123	114	106	210
16	158	131	122	113	224
17	168	139	129	120	238
18	178	147	137	127	252
19	188	156	145	134	266
20	198	164	152	142	280
21	208	172	160	148	294
22	218	180	168	155	308
23	228	188	175	162	322
24	238	197	183	169	336
25	248	205	191	176	350
26	258	213	198	183	364
27	268	221	206	190	378
28	278	230	214	198	393

29-Day Chart February (Leap Year)

Days Eligible	Total Number of People in Household				
	1	2	3	4 or more	Couple
1	9	7	7	6	13

2	19	15	14	13	27
3	28	23	22	20	40
4	38	31	29	27	54
5	47	39	36	34	67
6	57	47	44	40	81
7	67	55	51	48	94
8	76	63	59	54	108
9	86	71	66	61	121
10	95	79	73	68	135
11	105	87	81	75	149
12	115	95	88	81	162
13	124	103	95	88	176
14	134	111	103	95	189
15	143	118	110	102	203
16	153	126	118	109	216
17	162	134	125	116	230
18	172	142	132	122	243
19	182	150	140	129	257
20	191	158	147	136	271
21	201	166	154	143	284
22	210	174	162	150	298
23	220	182	169	157	311
24	230	190	177	163	325
25	239	198	184	170	338
26	249	206	191	177	352
27	258	214	199	184	365
28	268	222	206	191	379
29	278	230	214	198	393

30-Day Chart

Days Eligible	Total Number of People in Household				
	1	2	3	4 or more	Couple
1	9	7	7	6	13
2	18	15	14	13	26
3	27	23	21	19	39
4	37	30	28	26	52
5	46	38	35	33	65
6	55	46	42	39	78
7	64	53	49	46	91
8	74	61	57	52	104
9	83	69	64	59	117

10	92	76	71	65	130
11	101	84	78	72	144
12	111	92	85	79	157
13	120	99	92	85	170
14	129	107	99	92	183
15	139	115	107	99	196
16	148	122	114	105	209
17	157	130	121	112	222
18	166	138	128	118	235
19	176	145	135	125	248
20	185	153	142	132	262
21	194	161	149	138	275
22	203	168	156	145	288
23	213	176	164	151	301
24	222	184	171	158	314
25	231	191	178	164	327
26	240	199	185	171	340
27	250	207	192	178	353
28	259	214	199	184	366
29	268	222	206	191	379
30	278	230	214	198	393

31-Day Chart

Days Eligible	Total Number of People in Household				
	1	2	3	4 or more	Couple
1	8	7	6	6	12
2	17	14	13	12	25
3	26	22	20	19	38
4	35	29	27	25	50
5	44	37	34	31	63
6	53	44	41	38	76
7	62	51	48	44	88
8	71	59	55	51	101
9	80	66	62	57	114
10	89	74	69	63	126
11	98	81	75	70	139
12	107	89	82	76	152
13	116	96	89	83	164
14	125	103	96	89	177
15	134	111	103	95	190
16	143	118	110	102	202

17	152	126	117	108	215
18	161	133	124	114	228
19	170	140	131	121	240
20	179	148	138	127	253
21	188	155	144	134	266
22	197	163	151	140	278
23	206	170	158	146	291
24	215	178	165	153	304
25	224	185	172	159	316
26	233	192	179	166	329
27	242	200	186	172	342
28	251	207	193	178	354
29	260	215	200	185	367
30	269	222	207	191	380
31	278	230	214	198	393

90-720.1. GENERAL RELIEF GRANT DIVERSION

F. Payment

Private employers shall be paid the amount of the participant's grant up to \$318 for each four-week period toward the salary of the GR recipient hired. In GRGD, the grant will be frozen at the participant's payment level. The grant will not be issued to the recipient but shall be diverted to a special fund from which it will be paid to the employers involved.

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