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| STATE OF CALIFORNIA - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY                                                                               | ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER,<br><i>Governor</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES</b><br>P.O. Box 419064, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9064                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| March 14, 2005<br><br>CSS LETTER: 05-08<br><br>ALL IV-D DIRECTORS<br>ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS<br>ALL BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS | Reason for this Transmittal:<br><input type="checkbox"/> State Law or Regulation Change<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Law or Regulation Change<br><input type="checkbox"/> Court Order or Settlement Change<br><input type="checkbox"/> Clarification requested by One or More Counties<br><input type="checkbox"/> Initiated by DCSS |

**SUBJECT: REVISED FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL GUIDELINES FOR COMPROMISE OF ASSIGNED ARREARAGES - FAMILY REUNIFICATION**

This letter is to advise local child support agencies (LCSAs) of the revised Federal Poverty Level Guidelines (FPLG). The latest revision of the FPLG was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 70, No. 33, on February 18, 2005. These new amounts became effective February 18, 2005, and must be used when determining eligibility for compromise of assigned arrearages – family reunification (also known as AB 1449, Compromise). This notice is not applicable to the Compromise of Arrears Program (COAP) or Interim-COAP.

Any case denied as of February 18, 2005, and any other cases pending denial should be re-evaluated using the new guidelines. A copy of the new figures for comparing income to the FPLG is attached.

Section 119191(e)(3), Chapter 9, of Division 13 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations requires the use of the current poverty level guidelines for determining eligibility for a compromise. The FPLG is published in the Federal Register annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). LCSAs may find the revised guidelines by checking the following HHS website:

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/>

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Tonya Crawford-Corage, Manager of the Financial Management Policy Unit, at (916) 464-5234.

Sincerely,

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 Deputy Director  
 Child Support Services Division

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| <b>250% and 300 % of the Federal Poverty Level</b> |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                      |
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| <b>%</b>                                           | <b>Family of 2</b> | <b>Family of 3</b> | <b>Family of 4</b> | <b>Family of 5</b> | <b>Family of 6</b> | <b>Family of 7</b> | <b>Family of 8 *</b> |
| 250                                                | 32,075             | 40,225             | 48,375             | 56,525             | 64,675             | 72,825             | 80,975               |

**\* For each additional family member beyond 8, add \$8,150.00.**

| <b>%</b> | <b>Family of 2</b> | <b>Family of 3</b> | <b>Family of 4</b> | <b>Family of 5</b> | <b>Family of 6</b> | <b>Family of 7</b> | <b>Family of 8 **</b> |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 300      | 38,490             | 48,270             | 58,050             | 67,830             | 77,610             | 87,390             | 97,170                |

**\*\* For each additional family member beyond 8, add \$9,780.00.**

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February 18, 2005, pp. 8373-  
8375)

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