

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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September 22, 2015

CSS LETTER: 15-05

ALL IV-D DIRECTORS
 ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
 ALL BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO
 KIDS: THE APPROVED RELATIVE CAREGIVER FUNDING OPTION
 PROGRAM: IMPLEMENTAION OF AID CODES 2P, 2S AND 2T.

REFERENCE: SENATE BILL 855 (CHAPTER 29, STATUTES OF 2014); WELFARE
 AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTIONS 11461.3 AND 18901.3; ALL
 COUNTY LETTERS NO. 15-20 DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2015, 14-89
 DATED DECEMBER 16, 2014 AND NO. 14-100 DATED DECEMBER
 19, 2014.

The California Department of Social Services has implemented aid codes 2P, 2S and 2T. This letter provides information to local child support agencies for child support cases with these aid codes. Aid codes 2S and 2T have been implemented in the Child Support Enforcement System (CSE), effective July 1, 2015. Aid code 2P was implemented in CSE effective September 1, 2015.

Aid codes 2P, 2S and 2T apply to the Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) Funding Option Program created by Senate Bill 855, effective January 1, 2015. The ARC program gives county welfare departments that opt in to the program the ability to make the amount paid an approved relative caregiver for the care and supervision of a child who is under the jurisdiction of the California juvenile court, and who is ineligible for federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC), equal to the basic amount paid on behalf of such a child who is eligible for AFDC-FC.

Funding for the ARC program, as outlined in All County Letter (ACL) 14-89, is comprised of up to three sources:

- Federal, state and county California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) funds, including - for all ARC cases - the county share of costs associated with the CalWORKs portion of the ARC payment;

Reason for this Transmittal

- State Law, Regulation and/or Change
 Federal Law, Regulation and/ or Change
 Court Order or Settlement Change
 Clarification requested by One or More Counties
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- State general funds (ARC portion); and
- County funds if the other two funding sources are insufficient to make the ARC payment.

The child support assignment and recoupment for the ARC payment will follow the CalWORKs processes and aid codes 2P, 2S and 2T cases are referable and recoupable.

For further instruction on the implementation, county opt-in instructions, eligibility requirements, and beginning date of aid for the ARC program, please refer to [ACL No. 14-89](#), and [ACL No. 15-20](#).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Policy and Program Branch at (916) 464-5883.

Sincerely,

o/s

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