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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 21-14E
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: ERRATA TO ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER 21-14
(Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letter [21-14](#), Emergency
Message [20014 REV 4](#))

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) erratum is to provide counties with updated guidance regarding the income and resource disregards for Golden State Stimulus and Golden State Grant payments for Non-Modified Adjusted Gross Income (Non-MAGI) Medi-Cal programs.

The Social Security Administration has published Emergency Message-20014 REV 4 which identifies the Golden State Stimulus I payments, Golden State Stimulus II payments, and Golden State Grant Program payments as pandemic related disaster assistance and are excluded as income and resources.

Corrections to ACWDL 21-14 are recorded using the following:

- strike-through for deleted language
- underline and bolding for adding new language

Below is the language from ACWDL 21-14, with the revisions located on page one, two, and three.

Background

Assembly Bill (AB) 88 (Chapter 12, Statutes of 2021) and Senate Bill (SB) 88 (Chapter 8, Statutes of 2021) were signed into law, which authorized the Golden State Stimulus and the Golden State Grant payments.

Golden State Stimulus I and II

To qualify for a Golden State Stimulus I payment, recipients must meet all of the following five requirements:

1. Have filed their 2020 taxes

2. Is either:
 - A California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) recipient, or
 - An Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) filer who made \$75,000 or less
3. Be a California resident on the date payment is issued
4. Live in California for more than half of the 2020 tax year
5. Not be eligible to be claimed as a dependent for tax filing purposes

To qualify for the Golden State Stimulus II payment, recipients must meet all of the following six requirements:

1. **Have filed their 2020 taxes by October 15, 2021**
2. **Had a California Adjusted Gross Income (CA AGI) of \$1 to \$75,000 for the 2020 tax year**
3. **Had wages of \$0 to \$75,000 for the 2020 tax year**
4. **Been a California resident for more than half of the 2020 tax year**
5. **Been a California resident on the date the payment is issued**
6. **Not been claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer**

For the Golden State Stimulus I payment, depending on the recipient's qualifications, families may receive a one-time payment of \$600 or a one-time payment of \$1,200. These payments will be provided to eligible households shortly after they file their 2020 tax returns. Payments are anticipated to begin mid-April 2021.

For the Golden State Stimulus II payment, depending on the recipient's qualifications, the amount of the payment received will be a:

1. **\$500 payment to qualified recipients who file with a Social Security Number, qualified for Golden State Stimulus I, and claimed a credit for one or more dependents; or**
2. **\$600 payment to qualified recipients who file with a Social Security Number, did not qualify for Golden State Stimulus I, and did not claim a credit for one or more dependents; or**
3. **\$1,000 payment to qualified ITIN filers who qualified for Golden State Stimulus I and claimed a credit for one or more dependents; or**
4. **\$1,100 payment to qualified recipients who file with a Social Security Number, did not qualify for Golden State Stimulus I, and claimed a credit for one or more dependents**

Any questions regarding the qualifications to receive the Golden State Stimulus **I and II** payment should be directed to the State of California Franchise Tax Board. Additional information and contact information can be found on the [Franchise Tax Board](#) website.

Golden State Grant

To qualify for a Golden State Grant payment, qualifying groups include the following:

- A California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) assistance unit. The CalWORKs assistance unit is the CalWORKs case, not per person.
- A recipient of benefits provided under the Cash Assistance Program for Aged, Blind, and Disabled Legal Immigrants (CAPI).
- A recipient of benefits under the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Program (SSI/SSP).

The Golden State Grant will provide qualified recipients with a one-time payment of \$600. Payments made to CalWORKs assistance units will be issued in the same way as the recipient receives their monthly payment – by direct deposit, Electronic Benefit Transfer, or by check. The Statewide Automated Welfare Systems (SAWS) will disburse the payments to CalWORKs assistance units by mid-April 2021. Additional information regarding these payments can be found in California Department of Social Services [All County Letter No. 21-23](#).

Information on the timing and method of these payments for [SSI/SSP](#) and [CAPI](#) beneficiaries will be made available on their respective California Department of Social Services websites.

Note: It is possible for an individual to qualify for the Golden State Stimulus and the Golden State Grant payments.

Policy

Golden State Stimulus **I, Golden State Stimulus II,** and Golden State Grant **Program** payments are not federal taxable income and therefore are not counted as income for MAGI Medi-Cal eligibility determinations. The CalHEERS application includes existing language to alert consumers not to report this payment as income. Additional information can be found on the [Covered California website](#).

Effective February 23, 2021, counties must disregard from income **and resources** payments received for either the Golden State Stimulus **I, Golden State Stimulus II,** or the Golden State Grant **Program** for all Non-MAGI Medi-Cal programs. ~~Retained income from these payments shall be disregarded as resources for 12 months following~~

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~~receipt. The month the payment is available for use by the recipient is considered the month of receipt.~~

Counties should follow applicable SAWS functional directions on how to record this income ~~and track resources retained longer than 12 months.~~

If you have any questions about this letter or require additional information, please contact ~~Derek Soiu~~ **Sara McDonald** by phone at (916) **345-8061** ~~345-8193~~ or by email at ~~Derek.Soiu@dhcs.ca.gov~~ **Sara.McDonald@dhcs.ca.gov**.

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