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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 16/17-68

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY AUDITOR CONTROLLERS

SUBJECT: PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM
INVOICING

REFERENCE: [ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 08-40](#)

This CFL is to notify counties of a Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 shortage in 59th County funds for the Private Adoption Agency Reimbursement Program (PAARP) and the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) strategy to cover such costs.

Per [All County Letter No. 08-40](#), PAARP is an incentive program for private adoption agencies to recruit adoptive families for children who would otherwise remain in foster care because of age, membership in a sibling group, medical or psychological problems, adverse parental background or other circumstances that would make adoptive placement of these children especially difficult.

The 59th County refers to the county designated as the administrator to receive funding that will be used to reimburse the state for realigned contracts and services administered by CDSS. Currently, San Francisco County is the administrator of the 2011 Realignment Contract Special Account, otherwise known as the 59th County. All PAARP claims are paid using the 59th County funds; however, the claims to date have expended all FY 2016-17 funds, and CDSS is projecting further shortages.

The CDSS will pay the FY 2016-17 PAARP costs based on the commitment that counties will repay their share of the overage. Subsequently, counties will be billed for any overages above the \$15.6 million PAARP fund distribution at the end of FY 2016-17. The methodology for calculating the overage distribution is currently being determined and will be decided based on discussions between CDSS, California Welfare Directors Association and counties. After June 30, 2017, CDSS will issue an invoice to the impacted counties to recover their share of the overage.

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If you have any questions regarding this CFL, please direct them to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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