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TO: COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS AND PROGRAM INTEGRITY EFFORTS RELATED TO THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE BUDGET ACT OF 2011

Dear Honorable Chairpersons and Board Members:

The purpose of this letter is to provide clarification on the State Budget Act of 2011 as it relates to funding county fraud prevention proposals for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011/12.

The Budget includes a \$10 million appropriation of state funds for the purpose of fraud prevention and additional program integrity efforts related to the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program. However, if revenues are projected to fall short of expectations by more than \$1 billion, then \$600 million in cuts to higher education, health and human services, and public safety would be implemented beginning in January 2012. This IHSS funding is included in this potential cut, and the budget requires that appropriations subject to the potential cut will not be released until the revenue estimates are reviewed in December. This means that the earliest California Department of Social Services (CDSS) can allocate the county fraud prevention funding is January 1, 2012, assuming the cut does not occur. Once any allocation is released, participating counties would be permitted to claim expenses retroactive to July 1, 2011. However, if the cut does occur, no funding will be available for county costs incurred after June 30, 2011.

CDSS will make every effort to timely allocate this funding once direction is received. To ensure our readiness, counties electing to participate in this program will be asked to prepare and submit their fraud prevention proposals. Further instructions will be provided under separate cover from the Adult Programs Division. As in prior years, the proposal and budget must be approved by the County Board of Supervisors prior to submission to CDSS for approval.

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Enclosed you will find a summary of the activities and proposed timeline for achieving these tasks. We appreciate your cooperation, and understanding of the uncertainties associated with this particular funding for 2011/12. As always, if you have questions, please contact Mary Huttner, Chief, Quality Assurance Bureau, at (916) 651-3494 or mary.huttner@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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County Welfare Directors
County District Attorneys
California State Association of Counties

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**FY 2011-12 County Fraud Prevention Funding
Proposed Timeline**

CDSS releases letter of solicitation to County Board of Supervisors	September 1, 2011
Due date for County proposals	October 28, 2011
CDSS review of proposals	November 2011
CDSS releases tentative funding award letters	December 2011
CDSS releases County Fiscal Letter with allocations	January 2012