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TO: COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: ELIMINATION OF 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

Honorable Chairman and Board Members:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that pursuant to the provisions in the State's Budget Act of 2011 the \$10 million appropriation of state funds for the purpose of fraud prevention and additional program integrity efforts related to the In-Home Supportive Services Program has been eliminated.

In July 2011, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) advised County Board of Supervisors that 2011 Budget Act included a trigger implementing cuts to higher education, health and human services, and public safety would be implemented beginning in January 2012 in the event that actual revenues fell short below projections. Based on updated revenue estimates by the Department of Finance this month, the state fell more than \$2.2 billion below Budget act projections resulting in the enactment of the trigger reductions.

Although state funds will not be allocated, counties with approved FY 2011/12 IHSS county fraud prevention proposals will be permitted to administratively claim Medi-Cal federal financial participation (FFP) for county expenditures associated retroactive to July 1, 2011. Instructions regarding claiming will be issued in a CDSS County Fiscal Letter later this month.

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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