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Reason for this Transmittal

[ ] State Law or Regulation Change
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[ ] Court Order or Settlement Change
[ ] Clarification requested by One or More Counties
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TO: ALL IV-D DIRECTORS
ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

SUBJECT: WRAPAROUND PILOT PROGRAM AND CHILD SUPPORT

Legislation enacted in 1997 (Senate Bill 163, Chapter 795, Statutes of 1997) allows California counties to participate in a five-year statewide pilot project, known as "Wraparound," under the direction of the Department of Social Services. Wraparound's purpose is to keep eligible children in, or return them to, permanent family settings. This pilot allows counties the flexible use of State foster care funds to provide eligible children with family-based service alternatives to group home care using Wraparound as the service alternative.

The Department of Child Support Services has been made aware that some local child support agencies (LCSAs) have been pursuing a child support order when a child from a two-parent home is receiving Wraparound services. This letter is to provide instruction to LCSAs that although the Wraparound program uses foster care funds, a child support order should not be sought for foster care reimbursement if both parents are still in the home. If the parents are not married, LCSAs should establish paternity and close the case, as is done in medically needy only and two-parent welfare families. If the parents are not residing together but the custodial parent and child are receiving Wraparound services, do not pursue a child support order against the custodial parent; however, a child support order against the noncustodial parent should be established. LCSAs should work with their CalWORKs partners to determine how to identify these types of cases on the CA 2.1 application form.

If you have additional questions, please call Audrey King at (916) 464-5231.

Sincerely,

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