

## **CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CALWORKs) CHILD SUPPORT INSTEAD OF CASH GRANT OPTION**

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You may choose to keep all of the child support collected for a stepsibling or half-sibling of a CalWORKs-eligible child, if it is more than the cash aid you would get for the stepsibling or half-sibling. If you want to keep the child support and not get cash aid for the stepsibling or half-sibling, you must tell your CalWORKs Eligibility Worker in writing. If you keep the child support, you will not get cash aid for that child and your cash aid may be lowered. The child support you get will not count against your CalWORKs grant. You will get a Notice of Action showing your new cash aid amount. You must have at least one child in your CalWORKs case to stay eligible.

**Contact your CalWORKs Eligibility Worker if you want to keep the child support or have questions about the changes to the Child Support rules. Contact your Child Support Worker if you have questions about your child support.**

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### **CalFresh Changes:**

Changes to your cash aid may change your CalFresh benefits. **You will get a separate notice if your CalFresh benefits change.**

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You may be asked to provide a copy of your child support court order(s) and a copy of your child support Monthly Statements of Collections and Distributions to your CalWORKs Eligibility Worker if you want to keep the child support for your eligible child. If you do not have these papers, contact your local child support agency at 1-866-901-3212. You can use other proof if these papers are not available. Ask the County about other proof you can use to show the amount of child support you get for the stepsibling or half-sibling.

## CW 52 - CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT OPTION FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify I am the parent or caretaker relative of the child(ren) listed on this form and choose to keep the monthly child support I get for them instead of CalWORKs cash aid. I understand I can keep the monthly child support if I meet the conditions under numbers 1-3 below. I understand that the child(ren) will not be eligible to get CalWORKs cash aid unless I withdraw this request. These rules have been explained to me by my worker. I also certify and understand that:

1. The child(ren) listed is a stepsibling or half-sibling of an eligible CalWORKs child living in the same home;
2. The amount of monthly child support I get for the child(ren) is more than the monthly amount of cash aid I would get for them;
3. I have at least one CalWORKs eligible child remaining in the assistance unit;
4. I can withdraw this option when my semi-annual report (SAR 7) is due (if I am a SAR assistance unit), at annual redetermination or if the child support for the child lowers or stops. I cannot opt in again until my SAR 7 report is due or at my annual redetermination appointment;
5. I can only opt in at application, when my SAR 7 report is due (if I am a SAR assistance unit) or at my annual redetermination appointment. My request to opt in at application will be effective the date my cash aid is approved. My request to opt in or out at my annual redetermination or when my SAR 7 is due will be effective the first month following my request after the county gives me a 10-day notice. If I opt out because the child support I get for my child lowers or stops, my grant may increase within 10 days from the day I show proof: and,
6. I have had my rights explained to me and have been given the written informing notice explaining the rules.

I choose not to get CalWORKs cash assistance for my child(ren) listed below, and instead, I wish to keep all of the child support I get for this child(ren):

Print Name of Child	Print Name of Child	Print Name of Child
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- I understand my rights as explained to me.
- I understand the rules for choosing to keep my child support payment.

Case Name	Case Number
Signature of Parent or Caretaker Relative	Date
Signature of Eligibility Worker	Date