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How to Cure a WtW Sanction During the Coronavirus Pandemic

To date CDSS has not informed CalWORKs families with over 111,000 thousand children enduring the ravages of deep poverty, many for more than a year, that they can stop the sanction with these new flexibilities to cure the sanctions.

The recent [All County Welfare Directors Letter dated March 13, 2020](#) and several other ACWDLs set forth below advised counties that existing statutory and regulatory provisions allow counties to cure sanctions without requiring the performance of the curing activities in existing regulations for CalWORKs beneficiaries currently being sanctioned if the beneficiary requests that the sanction be cured. The rationale is that most counties are closed and there are no WtW activities to participate in.

This sounds great, but it is worthless in that the CalWORKs beneficiaries who are living in deep-deep poverty have no idea that they can request to cure their sanctions based on the new rules that counties can use during the coronavirus pandemic.

Contacting the county is a major barrier given the coronavirus pandemic. We have reports beneficiaries waiting on the phone for hours and then the person who they talk to does not deal with WtW thus cannot process the sanction cure request.

CCWRO has developed a new form entitled "Request to Meet WtW Rules to Get my Cash Aid Back Per ACWDL [3-13-20](#), [3-30-20](#) and [6-29-20](#)."

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This form should be emailed to the county welfare director, the beneficiary's worker, the county program specialist. **If you need help with getting email addresses, please contact Kevin Aslanian @ 916-712-0071 for assistance.**

If the county does not act and restore benefits within 10 days, the advocate should request a state hearing. CCWRO would be glad to assist with the state hearing.

See proposed steps for advocates assisting CalWORKs beneficiaries who are being sanctioned and want to cure the sanction to get more money during the coronavirus pandemic.

CalWORKs beneficiary is being sanctioned

STEP # 1

Ask the beneficiary if they want more money? If "yes" go to STEP #2.

STEP # 2

CalWORKs beneficiary completes the CCWRO form to cure the sanction.

STEP # 3

Mail or email the form to the welfare worker, county program specialist and others.

STEP # 4

If the sanction is not cured within 10 days, file for a state hearing. **NOTE:** *CCWRO would be happy to assist with a state hearing.*

If you have any questions and need assistance, please contact CCWRO at 916-736-0616 or email kevin.aslanian@ccwro.org

REQUEST TO MEET WELFARE-TO-WORK RULES TO GET MY CASH AID BACK PER ACWDL [3-13-20](#), [3-30-20](#) & [6-29-20](#)

HOW TO GET MORE Cash Aid during the coronavirus pandemic: Your family gets less cash aid because you did not meet Welfare-to-Work rules. If you want your cash aid back, you can fill out this form and return it to your Welfare-to-Work worker right away.

REQUEST TO MEET WELFARE-TO-WORK RULES TO GET MY CASH AID BACK

I agree to participate in the WtW program when the county asks me to do so. I understand that during the coronavirus pandemic I will not be asked to participate. After the pandemic, if asked to participate, I will need help with:

Child Care Transportation Other

NAME (PLEASE PRINT):		SIGNATURE:	
CASE # OR SOCIAL SECURITY #:	PHONE #: ()	DATE:	
WELFARE-TO-WORK WORKER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT):			
BIRTHDATE		YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS	

DO YOU NEED FREE LEGAL HELP?

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HOW TO USE THIS FORM?

- You can give this to your worker.
- You can mail us this form and we will give it to your worker if you authorize us to do so. If you want us to help you, you have to sign below authorizing us to help you.

I, the undersigned authorize CCWRO and any person working with them to be my authorized representative for all purposes, including filing for a state hearing:

Date _____ Your Signature _____