



Governor Signs Budget – Low Income Families and Seniors Targeted

CalWORKS \$88 million Includes cuts in funds for:

Eligibility and Employment Services **\$70 million**

Work Incentive Nutritional Supplement **\$2 million** cut to delay implementation for one year.

Stage Two Child Care **\$16.4 million** - cuts money the legislature had added in ensure sufficient funding. Stage Two child care is for families working and/or transitioning off aid.

Senior Programs

Senior Citizens Renters' Tax Assistance program **\$150 million**

Tax rebate program for low-income seniors who own their homes. **\$41 million**

Adult Protective Services **\$11.4 million**

Aging Programs: \$13.2 million *Includes cuts in funds for:*

Multipurpose Senior Services Program **\$2.5 million**

Senior Legal Hotline **\$.2 million**

Senior Community Employment **\$3.2 million**

Long-term Care Ombudsman and Supportive Services programs **\$6 million**

Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs \$27 million *Includes cuts in funds for:*

Drug Court programs **\$3 million**

Pregnancy-related substance abuse treatment **\$2.3 million**

Housing - Emergency Housing Assistance Program EHAP

Funds for EHAP have been entirely eliminated. EHAP provides operating grants for emergency shelters and transitional housing projects, as well as supportive services for individuals and families.

Health Care

Requires paperwork twice per year instead of annually for children to maintain Medi-Cal.

10% payment reduction for Medi-Cal providers, through Feb. 2009 when cut is lowered to either 1% or 5%. Courts have ruled against these cuts; the state has appealed.

Increased payments for some families for children's coverage in Healthy Families.

Healthy Families can cap dental care for enrolled children at \$1500/year.

\$11.7 million elimination of California Discount Prescription Drug Program, which had not yet been implemented.

\$42.2 million cut to counties for Medi-Cal administration

\$13.0 million cut for local public health activities – includes **\$5.5 million** for AIDS/HIV education and **\$2.3 million** cut to the Domestic Violence Program.