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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-17-XX

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM
MANAGERS

SUBJECT: NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT UPDATES

REFERENCE: [All-County Letter No. 15-51](#)

The purpose of this All County Information Notice (ACIN) is to provide counties with updated information regarding the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) from the California Secretary of State (SOS) and to transmit the 2017 NVRA Updates dated May 5, 2017.

BACKGROUND

In 2015, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) issued an All-County Letter (ACL) No. 15-51 to inform county In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program offices of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) requirements as they apply to the IHSS program. Federal law requires states to provide voter registration opportunities at all offices that provide public assistance and all offices that provide state-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities.

UPDATES

The SOS issued the “2017 NVRA Updates” dated May 5, 2017. This update provides information regarding voter pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds online at www.RegisterToVote.ca.gov or by filling out the paper voter registration application, (which is also referred to as the voter registration card). Pre-registration does not change the voting age, which is 18. California youth who pre-register to vote will have their registration become active once they turn 18 years old. More information regarding pre-registration is available on the SOS website at: www.sos.ca.gov/elections/pre-register-16-vote-18.

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

All staff at NVRA reporting agencies must participate in annual NVRA training. All NVRA coordinators should visit the SOS resources page at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/nvra/training to access the newly updated training materials, FAQs, NVRA Basics Quick Reference Sheet, and more useful tools.

County IHSS programs must comply with NVRA requirements or the county and the state may be subject to civil action by the United States Department of Justice or a private party. For more information please contact the SOS NVRA Team via email at nvra@sos.ca.gov or call (916) 657-2166.

Questions and/or requests for clarification on the information transmitted in this ACIN may be directed to the Adult Programs Division, Policy and Operations Bureau at (916) 651-5350.

Sincerely,

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c: CWDA