

provide the rules, policy, or law that supports the IN mandate

The mandate for Immediate Need (IN) payments in CalWORKs is supported primarily by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) section 40-129 and Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) provisions including:

- **MPP 40-129 (Immediate Need Policy)**: This policy defines the Immediate Need payment as a cash benefit for CalWORKs applicants facing an emergency that cannot be met by other resources. It requires counties to make an eligibility determination and pay the IN benefit no later than the next working day after the IN request is received. The IN payment amount is the CalWORKs cash aid for the month or \$200, whichever is less. The county must accept all IN requests and shall not ask applicants to withdraw valid requests. An IN interview must be conducted no later than the next working day following the IN request[1][2][3][4].
- **Welfare and Institutions Code § 11266.5**: Though not quoted in full, this code requires counties to provide emergency cash aid to applicants experiencing an immediate financial crisis, matching the MPP requirements for timing and processing[2][3].
- **CDSS Manual Letter EAS-98-03 (1998)**: Reinforces the policy to issue Immediate Need payments timely and outlines procedural requirements for interviews, documentation, and eligibility determination under MPP 40-129[2].

Summary

Source	Description
MPP 40-129	Defines Immediate Need payments, eligibility, processing deadlines, and procedures
Welfare and Institutions Code § 11266.5	Legal authority for emergency cash aid payments and county obligations
CDSS Manual Letter EAS-98-03	Reinforces policy and detailed procedural guidance for Immediate Need payments

These policies and governing laws establish the clear mandate that counties must promptly determine eligibility and issue cash aid within one working day of an Immediate Need request to assist families experiencing emergencies[1][2][3].

Citations:

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