



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 480 that establishes a diaper benefit of \$30 per month to families with children under 3 years old in CalWORKs.

I vetoed a similar bill last year and said this new benefit should be considered in the budget process. This benefit was considered but ultimately not funded in this year's budget. Nevertheless, the Department of Social Services was asked by the legislature to recommend the best way to subsidize diapers for these families, and this bill implements that recommendation. As a result, I am willing to provide this benefit through this bill.

I caution, however, against using legislation to enact new or expanded benefits. Negotiations on spending proposals belong in the annual budget process.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.