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REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

October 9, 2014

ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 14-74

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
 ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
 ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES
 ALL LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
 ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
 ALL TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES

SUBJECT: SHARING RATIOS FOR GROUP HOME PROGRAMS
 FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2014-15

REFERENCE: ACL NO. 13-92, DATED NOVEMBER 20, 2013

This ACL provides current information regarding sharing ratios for group home programs for fiscal year (FY) 2014-15.

Cost sharing ratios are developed by using the group home audited costs from the "Group Home Program Costs Report" (SR3) submitted for each program and grouping the programs by each Rate Classification Level (RCL) 1 through 8, 9 through 12, and 13 through 14. The total (final, allowable and reasonable) program costs within each RCL group are determined as well as the total non-federally allowable costs (social work and shelter costs-acquisition mortgage principal and interest). The sharing ratio for each RCL group is calculated by dividing the total non-federally allowable costs by the total group home costs.

The cost sharing ratios for FY 2014-15 are as follows:

<u>RCL</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>NON-FEDERAL</u>
1 through 8	93.32%	6.68%
9 through 12	93.91%	6.09%
13 and 14	93.87%	6.13%

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Effective October 1, 2014, counties must apply these cost-sharing ratios to all Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care rates paid to group homes according to the RCL of the group home placement. The cost-sharing ratios identified are for all group home providers.

The cost-sharing ratios will be recalculated each year to ensure that each RCL group's cost-sharing ratios are calculated using recent audited cost data representing a majority of all group home providers. The cost-sharing ratios will be accessible via the Foster Care Group Home Rates List on the California Department of Social Services website at: <http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/pg1343.htm#>.

If you have any questions regarding the ACL, please contact the Foster Care Rates Bureau at (916) 651-2752.

Sincerely,

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c: County Welfare Directors Association