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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-73-08

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: TITLE IV-E FOSTER CARE ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

The purpose of this letter is to notify counties of the upcoming 2009 Primary Title IV-E Foster Care Eligibility Review (FCER). Previously, during July 2006, the federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF), in collaboration with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), conducted California's second Title IV-E primary review. The 2006 Initial Title IV-E Primary Review resulted in four error cases out of the case sample size of 80 cases. The allowable error rate was five percent (four cases); therefore, California passed the review.

The upcoming Title IV-E Primary Review will be conducted between September 14, 2009 and September 18, 2009. The review will be hosted by San Diego County. The six-month Period Under Review will be October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009. The case sample size will be 80 cases. The allowable error rate of the review will be five percent (four cases).

Alameda and Los Angeles counties will NOT be included in the Title IV-E review as they implemented their Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration project beginning July 1, 2007.

The purpose of the Title IV-E Primary Review is to determine whether payments were made on behalf of eligible children and to eligible homes and institutions in accordance with Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 1356.71 and Sections 471 and 472 of the Social Security Act.

The CDSS will be providing training to counties in order to prepare for the 2009 Title IV-E Review. This training assistance will focus upon the appropriate documentation required for the Review. Additional information regarding the technical assistance training, and any other pertinent Review information, will be forthcoming.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your county's Funding and Eligibility Consultant at (916) 324-4873.

Sincerely,

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