

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-59-87

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL PROBATION DEPARTMENTS  
ALL FCIS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SYSTEM REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS  
FOR AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN - FOSTER  
CARE/REGIONAL CENTER CHILDREN

REFERENCE: ACL 87-64  
ACL 87-71  
ACIN 1-11-87 AB2520 (CHAPTER 355, STATUTES OF 1986)

The purpose of this letter is to provide Foster Care Information System (FCIS) reporting instructions for Aid to Families with Dependent Children - Foster Care (AFDC-FC) recipients who are also receiving services as regional center clients.

As a result of the passage of AB2520 (Chapter 355, Statutes of 1986), effective July 1, 1987, certain foster care children with developmental disabilities will be eligible for an out-of-home care rate different than the current AFDC-FC rates. It is critical that these children be identified on the FCIS. Therefore, the Statistical Services Section (SSS) has developed the following procedures to be used in reporting to the FCIS.

Report Population

This includes AFDC-FC recipients who are also regional center clients placed in facilities which will receive a regional center assessed rate paid with AFDC-FC funds. The facility can be a group home, foster family home or small family home.

Identification

Initially, regional centers will send a notice to the county welfare departments (CWD's) for each child currently in the above population. At that time, it is recommended that the CWD regional center contact notify the county FCIS liaison so that the FCIS record can be appropriately updated.

Thereafter, whenever a child is accepted for regional center services and placed in a facility which will receive a regional center assessed rate paid with AFDC-FC funds they are to be identified on the FCIS.

Reporting Instructions

When a child is identified as part of the report population, enter "RC" in the first two spaces of the agency use box on line G, item 8 (G8) of the SOC 158. Basic AFDC-FC Rate (J3) should also be updated to reflect the Regional Center assessed rate.

Counties currently utilizing the agency use box (G8) for individual county report items may continue to do so. However, each time an entry is made in this field, the regional center designator (RC) must be reentered. Reentry is necessary because any new entry will remove the previous information printed in G8.

In counties with more than one batch control mail point (BCMP), the FCIS liaison may contact the FCIS analyst in SSS if assistance is required to determine the appropriate BCMP to contact for update of the SOC 158.

If you have any questions regarding FCIS reporting requirements, please contact your FCIS liaison in the Statistical Services Section at (916) 920-7376. If you have questions regarding AFDC-FC program requirements, please contact Myra Meyer of the Foster Care Program Bureau at (916) 445-0813 or ATSS 485-0813.



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