

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-47-89

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY PROBATION OFFICES

SUBJECT: LICENSING STATUS OF MOBILE INTERSTATE PROGRAMS

REFERENCE: ACL NO. 87-65

The purpose of this notice is to clarify the licensing status of mobile interstate programs once they leave the state in which the facility is licensed.

Aid To Families With Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) shall be paid on behalf of an otherwise eligible child who is placed in an eligible facility as defined in Eligibility Assistance Standards (EAS) Sections 45-202.5 and 203.4. Placements out of state must also meet the same eligible facility requirements. Since the State Department of Social Services (SDSS) does not have the legal authority to license facilities located in another state, SDSS accepts the licensing standards of the receiving state. Therefore, if the facility is licensed by the receiving state and meets the other requirements of EAS 45-202.5 and 203.4, the eligible facility requirement is met.

Facilities that operate state-approved mobile interstate programs such as wagon trains are unique in that they leave the state in which the facility is headquartered and travel through several states before returning to the licensing state. During the time the wagon train is traveling out of the licensing state, the child is to be considered "visiting" and not placed in another state. If the requirements of EAS 45-202.5 and 203.4 continue to be met while the wagon train is traveling, AFDC-FC payments can continue.

Counties are reminded to verify the licensing status with the appropriate licensing agency in the receiving state prior to placement and at redetermination. This includes the authority to operate a mobile interstate program. In addition, verification by the counties that the out of state facility meets the requirements of EAS 45-202.517 and 203.417 is also necessary to ensure eligible facility status.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact
the Foster Care Program Bureau, at (916) 445-0813.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Horel". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "R" and "H".

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