

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-61-90

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS
LOCAL AND COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES
ALL GROUP HOME PROVIDERS
GROUP HOME CONSULTANTS

SUBJECT: AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN-FOSTER CARE
OR SERIOUSLY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED (AFDC-FC/SED)
PROGRAM RATE INCREASES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1990

REFERENCE: CHAPTER 1294, STATUTES OF 1989 SENATE BILL
(SB) 370

This letter is to provide information in regard to the rate increases that became effective July 1, 1990, as provided by Chapter 1294, Statutes of 1989 (SB 370). We apologize for the late notification of these rate increases; however, we could not release this letter until the budget was passed and signed by the Governor.

FAMILY HOMES

Basic rates for family homes under the Aid to Families With Dependent Children-Foster Care or Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (AFDC-FC/SED) programs, shall be increased by five (5) percent effective July 1, 1990*. The standardized family home basic rate schedule in effect through June 30, 1990, and the standardized family home basic rate schedule effective July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991, are reflected on the next page.

*The 5 percent increase for family home basic rates does not apply to rates that are above the standardized family home basic rate schedule and that were increased effective May 1, 1990, in accordance with SB 746 (Chapter 76, Statutes of 1990).

FAMILY HOMES (Continued)

SCHEDULE OF BASIC RATES

AGE	BASIC RATE 1/1/90-6/30/90	INCREASED BASIC RATE EFF. 7/1/90
0-4	\$329	\$ 345
5-8	357	375
9-11	381	400
12-14	423	444
15-18	461	484

FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES

The basic rate component of the FFA rates is increased by the same percentage as the AFDC-FC/SED family home basic rates. Therefore, effective July 1, 1990, the basic rate component of the FFA rate will be increased by 5 percent as specified in SB 370 and in accordance with the regulatory formula used to compute the calculated rate cap outlined in the Administrative Standards For Eligibility And Assistance Programs AFDC-Foster Care Rates Regulations Section 11-403(d). An individual rate notification letter regarding the rate effective July 1, 1990, will be sent to each FFA and a copy to each host county indicated by the FFA.

The computation of the new FFA calculated rate cap for each of the five age groups is shown below:

	Age Groups				
	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-18
1. Basic Rate:	345	375	400	444	484
2. Increment for Child:	175	175	175	175	175
3. Social Work Services:	250	250	250	250	250
4. Subtotal (1+2+3):	770	800	825	869	909
5. Recruitment, training and administration (Line 4 x 1.666667):	513	533	550	579	606
6. Calculated Rate Cap (4+5):	\$1283	\$1333	\$1375	\$1448	\$1515

FFAs whose current rates are greater than or equal to the new calculated rate caps will be frozen. FFAs whose current rates are below the new calculated rate caps will receive up to a 5 percent rate increase. However, the rate increase cannot raise a FFA rate above the new calculated rate cap.

GROUP HOMES

Effective July 1, 1990, foster care providers licensed as group homes shall have rates established by classifying each group home program and applying the standardized schedule of rates.

An individual rate notification letter regarding the rate effective July 1, 1990, will be sent to each group home provider and a copy to each host county indicated by the group home provider.

Group home programs shall continue to be paid at the Fiscal Year (FY) 1989-90 rate until the notification is sent. The Department anticipates notifying all providers (who submitted timely rate requests) and affected Counties by October 1, 1990. As the effective date for timely rate requests is July 1, 1990, Counties will be required to issue retroactive supplemental payments to any group home program with a FY 1990-91 rate increase.


CLOTHING ALLOWANCES

Clothing allowances shall be adjusted in accordance with the methodology for the schedule of AFDC-FC/SED family home basic rates. Therefore, a County receiving State participation in a clothing allowance shall increase the clothing allowance by 5 percent effective July 1, 1990. No County shall receive State participation for an increase in any part of a clothing allowance which exceeds 5 percent.

SPECIALIZED CARE

Specialized care rates shall be increased by 5 percent effective July 1, 1990. No County shall receive State participation for any increase in any part of a specialized care increment which exceeds 5 percent.

Questions regarding family home rates, specialized care rates and/or the clothing allowance should be referred to the Foster Care Program Bureau at (916) 445-0813. Questions regarding rates for a specific group home program or foster family agency should be referred to the Foster Care Rates Bureau at (916) 323-1263. Questions regarding claiming should be directed to the Fiscal Policy and Procedures Bureau, Assistance Policy Unit at (916) 445-7046.


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cc: CWDA