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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

September 13, 2012

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 12-45

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CDSS ADOPTIONS DISTRICT OFFICES
ALL COUNTY PLACEMENT SUPERVISORS
ALL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES
ALL LICENSED ADOPTION AGENCIES

SUBJECT: ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP) RATES

REFERENCE: SENATE BILL (SB) 1013, CHAPTER 35, STATUTES OF 2012;
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTIONS (W&IC) 16121(a)
AND (g); ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) 11-74

This letter is to inform counties, district offices and other interested parties of the California Necessities Index (CNI) increase to be applied to the AAP basic rate. Please refer to ACL 11-74 for the AAP basic rate methodology as stated in W&IC section 16121(a). The adjusted schedule of rates in this letter reflects the CNI increase of 2.98 percent for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/13, effective July 1, 2012. In addition, this letter will reflect the CNI increases to be applied to the Dual Agency rates, effective July 1, 2011, and July 1, 2012, per SB 1013. The negotiated AAP rate continues to be based on the child's needs and the circumstances of the family and may include the Specialized Care Increment (SCI), if eligible. The SCI rate is calculated by adding the SCI to the basic rate; therefore, recipients who receive this rate will also receive an increase due to the increase to the basic rate.

I. AAP Basic Rates

The 2007 Foster Family Home (FFH) rate structure is to be used for initial AAP agreements signed on or after October 1, 1992 through December 31, 2007, and the adoption finalized before May 27, 2011.

2007 FFH Rates					
Includes 2.98 Percent CNI Increase for State Fiscal Year 2012/13					
Age	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-21
2007 FFH Rate Effective July 1, 2012	\$446	\$485	\$518	\$573	\$626
County/Age	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-21
Los Angeles	\$446	\$485	\$525	\$573	\$626
Orange	\$446	\$485	\$518	\$659	\$659
Santa Clara	\$446	\$485	\$525	\$573	\$626

County/Age	0-4	5-6	7-12	13-21
Marin	\$446	\$485	\$557	\$635

The 2008 FFH rate structure is to be used for initial AAP agreements signed on or after January 1, 2008 through May 27, 2011, and the adoption finalized on or before May 27, 2011.

2008 FFH Rates					
Includes 2.98 Percent CNI Increase for State Fiscal Year 2012/13					
Age	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-21
2008 FFH Rate Effective July 1, 2012	\$469	\$509	\$545	\$601	\$658

County/Age	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-21
Los Angeles	\$469	\$509	\$551	\$601	\$658
Orange	\$469	\$509	\$545	\$692	\$692
Santa Clara	\$469	\$509	\$551	\$601	\$658

County/Age	0-4	5-6	7-12	13-21
Marin	\$480	\$509	\$586	\$666

The State-Wide rate structure, effective July 1, 2012, is to be used for initial AAP agreements signed and the adoption finalized on or after May 27, 2011.

State-Wide FFH Rates					
Effective July 1, 2012					
Includes 2.98 Percent CNI Increase for State Fiscal Year 2012/13					
Age	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-21
FFH Rate Effective July 1, 2012	\$640	\$693	\$729	\$763	\$799

II. Dual Agency Rates

Effective July 1, 2012, the AAP Dual Agency rate is to be increased retroactively to July 1, 2011, by 1.92 percent to reflect the CNI increase for state fiscal year 2011/12. The AAP Dual Agency rate will need to be adjusted to reflect the CNI increase in accordance with the rate structure, effective July 1, 2011. The CNI increase is not applicable to the supplement to the rate. The supplement to the rate, if eligible, is added to the Dual Agency rate; therefore, recipients who receive this rate will also receive an increase due to the increase to the total Dual Agency rate.

State-Wide Dual Agency Rates Effective July 1, 2011 Includes 1.92 Percent CNI Increase for State Fiscal Year 2011/12	
Age 0-3	\$915
Age 3 years and older	\$2,045

Effective July 1, 2012, the Dual Agency rates are to be increased 2.98 percent to reflect the CNI increase for state fiscal year 2012/13. The AAP Dual Agency rate will need to be adjusted to reflect the CNI increase in accordance with the below rate structure, effective July 1, 2012. The CNI increase is not applicable to the supplement to the rate. The supplement to the rate, if eligible, is added to the Dual Agency rate; therefore, recipients who receive this rate will also receive an increase due to the increase to the total Dual Agency rate.

State-Wide Dual Agency Rates Effective July 1, 2012 Includes 2.98 Percent CNI Increase for State Fiscal Year 2012/13	
Age 0-3	\$942
Age 3 years and older	\$2106

III. County and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Adoption District Office Responsibility

Counties and CDSS adoption district offices shall adjust monthly AAP basic rates and the Dual Agency rate to include an annual CNI increase should one occur, effective July 1st of each year. The adjustment must be documented by sending AAP recipients a Notice of Action (NOA) reflecting the AAP rate change. A copy of the NOA must be placed in the AAP case file for documentation purposes. While CNI increases do not require an amended AAP agreement, all other changes to the AAP benefit continue to require an amended agreement.

IV. INQUIRIES

If you have, any inquiries please direct all AAP questions to the Adoptions Services Bureau, at (916) 651-8089.

Sincerely,

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