

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 05-24

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
 ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
 ALL COUNTY ADOPTIONS AGENCIES
 ALL GROUP HOME PROVIDERS
 ALL FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES
 ALL LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN-FOSTER CARE (AFDC-FC) AND KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (Kin-GAP) PROGRAM RATES

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 01-55, SENATE BILL 68 (Chapter 78, Statutes of 2005) AND SENATE BILL 77 (Chapter 38, Statutes of 2005)

The purpose of this ACL is to provide current information on foster family home standardized basic rates, kinship guardianship assistance payments (KinGAP) program rates, foster family agency rates, intensive foster care program rates, specialized care increments, clothing allowance, State supplemental clothing allowance, infant supplement, and group home rates. The current State-approved rates for out-of-home placements and Foster Care support programs are provided in this ACL.

FOSTER FAMILY HOMES (FFH)

Following are the AFDC-FC standardized basic rates for FFHs and small family homes.

FAMILY HOMES SCHEDULE OF BASIC RATES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001	
Age	Basic Rate
0-4	\$425
5-8	\$462
9-11	\$494
12-14	\$546
15-19	\$597

The counties in the tables below have FFH rates that are higher than the standardized Schedule of Basic Rates. The rates for FFHs in Los Angeles, Marin, Orange, and Santa Clara counties are as follows:

FAMILY HOMES Schedule of Basic Rates – Effective July 1, 2001					
County	AGE				
	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-19
Los Angeles	\$425	\$462	\$500	\$546	\$597
Orange	\$425	\$462	\$494	\$628	\$628

FAMILY HOMES Marin County Basic Rates –Effective July 1, 2001					
AGE					
0-4	5-6		7-12	13-19	
\$435	\$462		\$531	\$605	
Santa Clara	\$425	\$462	\$500	\$546	\$597

Except as specifically noted in this ACL, any county choosing to pay a rate higher than the State-approved basic rates indicated above shall pay any excess dollar amount using county-only funds. Counties should be aware that the Basic Rate also applies to children who are receiving Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) benefits.

KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS (KinGAP) PROGRAM

Section 11364 of the Welfare & Institutions (W&I) Code provides for Kin-GAP Program rates paid on behalf of eligible children at an amount equal to 100 percent of the basic rate paid to a licensed or approved FFH. Please refer to the Family Homes Schedule of Basic Rates on page 1 for the Kin-GAP Program rates.

FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES (FFA)

The following charts provide the basic rates and components for treatment and non-treatment FFAs. It is the responsibility of the FFA to forward copies of its Rate Notification Letter to all agencies from which it receives placements.

Schedule of FFA Treatment Rates Effective July 1, 2001					
AGE	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-19
Basic Rate	\$ 414	\$ 450	\$ 479	\$ 533	\$ 580
Child Increment	\$ 210	\$ 210	\$ 210	\$ 210	\$ 210
Social Work	\$ 329	\$ 329	\$ 329	\$ 329	\$ 329
Administrative	\$ 636	\$ 659	\$ 679	\$ 715	\$ 746
Total Rate	\$ 1,589	\$ 1,648	\$ 1,697	\$ 1,787	\$ 1,865

Schedule of FFA Non-Treatment Rates Effective July 1, 2001					
AGE	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-19
Basic Rate	\$414	\$450	\$479	\$533	\$580

Intensive Treatment Foster Care Programs (ITFC)

The following chart provides the intensive treatment program rates for FFA intensive treatment programs.

Schedule of Service and Rate Levels for FFA Intensive Treatment Foster Care Programs Effective July 1, 2001					
Service Level	A	B	C	D	E
Rate	\$4,476	\$4,105	\$3,721	\$3,359	\$2,985

SPECIALIZED CARE INCREMENTS (SCI)

There are no changes to the specialized care increment rates and they remain as in effect on July 1, 2001. As a reminder, a child can receive AAP benefits that include a specialized care increment.

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

There are no changes to the county clothing allowance programs. Rates remain as in effect on July 1, 2001.

STATE SUPPLEMENTAL CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

In accordance with SB 77 (Chapter 38, Statutes of 2005), counties may continue to provide the \$100 State supplemental clothing allowance per child per State fiscal year to supplement the counties' existing clothing allowances. The State supplemental clothing allowance shall be provided to every child placed in FFHs and certified homes of FFAs, including those children receiving Emergency Assistance (EA) – Child Welfare Services.

INFANT SUPPLEMENT

There are no changes to the infant supplement rates. Children who are in receipt of Kin-GAP benefits are also entitled to receive the infant supplement. The following chart provides the Infant Supplement rates.

Infant Supplement Effective July 1, 2001		
Placement Type	Group Home	FFH/FFA
Rate	\$848	\$391

GROUP HOMES (GH)

The Rate Classification Levels (RCLs), Standardized Schedule of Rates are provided below. Group Home providers will receive individual FY Rate Notification Letters in accordance with the biennial ratesetting process. It is the responsibility of the GH provider to forward copies of its current Rate Notification Letter to all placement agencies from which it receives placements.

GROUP HOMES Standardized Schedule of Rates Effective July 1, 2001		
RCL	Point Ranges	Standard Rate
1	Under 60	\$1,454
2	60-89	1,835
3	90-119	2,210
4	120-149	2,589
5	150-179	2,966
6	180-209	3,344
7	210-239	3,723
8	240-269	4,102
9	270-299	4,479
10	300-329	4,858
11	330-359	5,234
12	360-389	5,613
13	390-419	5,994
14	420 & Up	6,371

INQUIRIES

County staff should contact their Foster Care Eligibility/Funding Consultant with questions regarding foster care rates at (916) 651-9152. GH and FFA providers with questions regarding this ACL should contact their Foster Care Rates Consultant at (916) 651-9158. Any questions pertaining to Kin-GAP should be directed to the Kinship Care Policy Unit at (916) 657-1858. Questions regarding SCI should be directed to the Recruitment Network Development Unit at (916) 651-7465. Questions regarding the AAP, clothing allowances, State supplemental clothing allowance, or the infant supplement rates should be directed to the Foster Care Rates Policy Unit at (916) 651-9152.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed by

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