

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ERRATA #2 FOR ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 98-70

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

Several errors were inadvertently made in All County Letter (ACL) 98-70.

RATES

The following rates should be corrected in ACL 98-70.

<u>Page #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Incorrect Amount</u>	<u>Correct Amount</u>
Page 2	Marin County Basic Rate, Age 0-4	\$375	\$400
Page 3	Infant Supplement for Foster Family Homes/FFA	\$345	\$346

SPECIALIZED CARE:

All County Letter 98-70 **erroneously** instructed counties to increase specialized care rates by 2.84 percent, based on the California Necessities Index (CNI), in addition to the 6 percent increase provided by Assembly Bill 1391 (Chapter 944, Statutes of 1997) which was effective July 1, 1998. In fact, no CNI was provided for specialized care increments in the FY 1998-99 Budget or in SB 933. Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 11461(e)(4)(A) governs adjustments to specialized care increments. That section provides that all adjustments to the foster family home basic rate pursuant to WIC 11461(c) shall also apply to specialized care rates. The CNI increases are contained in WIC 11461(d) and, therefore, do not apply to specialized care. Accordingly, counties should not apply the 2.84 percent CNI to their specialized care increments.

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

For the same reasons set forth above under Specialized Care, no 2.84 percent CNI was provided for clothing allowances in the FY 1998-99 Budget or in SB 933. (However, please see ACL 98-27 regarding a 6 percent increase which was effective July 1, 1998.)

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about this errata, please contact the Foster Care Funding and Rates Bureau at (916) 323-1263.