
Child care assistance must be provided to community service participants while other supportive services such as transportation and ancillary expenses may be provided at county option as described in the county plan. If the county chooses not to provide an optional supportive service and the recipient needs such service to participate, that recipient will have good cause for not participating.

Persons who fail without good cause to participate in community service are subject to sanctions just as any other persons who fail to participate without good cause in WTW.

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CDSS ACL 99-107 -- December 22, 1999 (Synopsis): AFDC-Foster Care and Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) Children's Program Rates

AFDC-Foster Care and Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) Children's Program Rates

Reference: 1999-2000 Budget Act, AB 1111 (Chapter 147, Statutes of 1999), SB 955 (Chapter 634, Statutes of 1999)

This ACL provides the basic rates for AFDC-FC family homes for children ages 0 to 19 effective January 1, 2000. It also provides the January 1, 2000 basic family home rates in Los Angeles County, Orange County, San Mateo County, Santa Clara County and Marin County that differ in some instances from the state basic rate.

This ACL also includes a chart of Foster Family Agency treatment and non-treatment rates as well as rates for those counties participating in the Intensive Foster Care Program. Also listed are infant supplement rates for group homes and foster family homes and agencies as well as a standardized schedule of group home rates.

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CDSS ACL 99-106 -- December 16, 1999 (Synopsis): CAPI Redeterminations of Eligibility

CAPI Redeterminations of Eligibility

This ACL discusses procedures for redetermining eligibility for CAPI. The procedures in this ACL should be followed until regulations are developed.

Current MPP§ 49-070 only requires a CAPI recipient to have eligibility redetermined within 12 months of the initial benefit payment and within each succeeding 12-month

period. It does not provide any other details. This ACL provides more details of what is required at the redetermination process.

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CDSS ACL 99-104 -- December 13, 1999 (Synopsis): Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) and Assembly Bill 1225

Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) and Assembly Bill 1225

Assembly Bill 1225, Chapter 905, Statutes of 1999 became effective on October 10, 1999. It amends Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC)§ 16119(a) to require agencies to provide prospective adoptive parents additional information, in writing, about the availability of AAP benefits. This written information must be provided not only at the time an application for a child who is potentially eligible for AAP benefits is made, but also before the finalization of the adoption decree.

AB 1225 also added subsection (b) to W&IC§ 16119. That subsection requires agencies to encourage families who do not elect to sign an AAP agreement on behalf of a child who may be eligible for AAP, to sign a deferred AAP agreement. If the family signs a deferred agreement, it may later receive AAP benefits even if it chooses not to receive such benefits initially.

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AFDC Foster Care Linkage Requirements -- The Land Case

MPP §45-202.311-.313 stated that in order for a child to be eligible for federal AFDC foster care benefits, the child must have lived with the parent or relative from whom removed during the removal month or within any of the six months prior to removal and have been eligible for AFDC FG/U in that home.

Land v. Anderson ordered CDSS to cease utilizing §§45-202.311-.313.

In response to Land, the state legislature added Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) §11402.1. That statute clarifies that unless federal financial participation is received, the state will make no payments to children living with relatives who would be eligible to federal foster care under the Land decision.

New MPP§ 45-202.332 written to comply with W&IC§ 11402.1 became effective October 5, 1998 and states: