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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 17-15

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES

SUBJECT: SHARING RATIOS FOR GROUP HOME PROGRAMS
FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2016-17

REFERENCE: [ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) NO. 15-74](#), DATED OCTOBER 14, 2015

This ACL provides current information regarding sharing ratios for group home programs for FY 2016-17.

Cost sharing ratios are developed by using the group home audited costs from the "Group Home Program Costs Report" (SR3) submitted for each program and grouping the programs by each Rate Classification Level (RCL) 1 through 8, 9 through 12, and 13 through 14. The total (final, allowable and reasonable) program costs within each RCL group are determined as well as the total non-federally allowable costs. The federal and non-federal sharing ratio for each RCL group is calculated by dividing the total non-federally allowable costs by the total group home costs.

The cost sharing ratios for FY 2016-17 are as follows:

<u>RCL</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>NON-FEDERAL</u>
1 through 8	94.51%	5.49%
9 through 12	93.42%	6.58%
13 and 14	94.16%	5.84%

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

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Effective October 1, 2016, counties must apply these cost-sharing ratios to all Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care rates paid to group homes according to the RCL of the group home placement. The cost-sharing ratios identified are for all group home providers.

The cost-sharing ratios will be recalculated every year to ensure that each RCL group's cost-sharing ratios are calculated using recent audited cost data representing a majority of all group home providers. The cost-sharing ratios will be accessible via the [Foster Care Group Home Rates List](http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/PG1343.htm) on the California Department of Social Services website at: <http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/PG1343.htm>

Assembly Bill 403 created a new type of group home licensing category referred to as a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP). Group Homes under the RCL system will be subject to rate termination unless they have an approved Extension Request submitted by their county and approved by FCRB. The STRTP will have a single rate and a single sharing ratio (federal and non-federal sharing ratio), which will be provided in a subsequent ACL.

If you have any questions regarding the ACL, please contact the Foster Care Rates Bureau at (916) 651-2752.

Sincerely,

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c: County Welfare Directors Association