

September 6, 2019

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 19-91**

The purpose of this letter is to provide sharing ratios for Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care payments which are used by counties to identify the non-federal portion of their payments when they are claiming expenditures for foster care placements.



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS  
ALL CONSORTIA PROJECT MANAGERS  
ALL FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES  
ALL GROUP HOMES  
ALL SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS

SUBJECT: SHARING RATIOS FOR FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES,  
INTENSIVE SERVICES FOSTER CARE,  
SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS,  
COMMUNITY TREATMENT FACILITIES, GROUP HOMES AND  
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT – NON-MINOR  
DEPENDENT PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

REFERENCE: [ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) 14-18; ACL 16-79; ACL 16-79E;](#)  
[ACL 17-11; ACL 17-15; ACL 17-75; ACL 17-89; ACL 18-89,](#)  
[ACL 18-145; ACL 19-70](#)

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this ACL is to provide the sharing ratios for the following foster care placements: Foster Family Agencies (FFA), Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC), Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP), Group Homes (GH), Community Treatment Facilities (CTF) and Transitional Housing Placement – Non-Minor Dependent (THP-NMD). The sharing ratios are used by counties to identify the non-federal portion of their payments when they are claiming expenditures.

## **FFA SHARING RATIOS**

Effective July 1, 2019 (Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20), the sharing ratios in Tables A and B will be applied to the FFA programs.

**Table A**

FFA Phase I Age-Based Sharing Ratios effective July 1, 2019

<b>Maintenance Sharing Ratios %</b>	<b><u>Birth-4</u></b>	<b><u>5 - 8</u></b>	<b><u>9 - 11</u></b>	<b><u>12 - 14</u></b>	<b><u>15 - 21</u></b>
Maintenance	66.67%	67.59%	68.22%	68.79%	69.36%
Federal	65.60%	67.01%	67.95%	68.78%	69.61%
Non-Federal	34.40%	32.99%	32.05%	31.22%	30.39%

<b>Administration Sharing Ratios %</b>	<b><u>Birth-4</u></b>	<b><u>5 - 8</u></b>	<b><u>9 - 11</u></b>	<b><u>12 - 14</u></b>	<b><u>15 - 21</u></b>
Administration	33.33%	32.41%	31.78%	31.21%	30.64%
Federal	54.13%	54.13%	54.13%	54.13%	54.13%
Non-Federal	45.87%	45.87%	45.87%	45.87%	45.87%

**Table B**

FFA Phase II Level of Care (LOC) Sharing Ratios effective July 1, 2019

<b>Maintenance Sharing Ratios %</b>	<b><u>Basic Level</u></b>	<b><u>LOC 2</u></b>	<b><u>LOC 3</u></b>	<b><u>LOC 4 and ISFC</u></b>
Maintenance	66.90%	69.06%	70.96%	72.99%
Federal	65.96%	66.43%	66.83%	65.96%
Non-Federal	34.04%	33.57%	33.17%	34.04%

<b>Administration Sharing Ratios %</b>	<b><u>Basic Level</u></b>	<b><u>LOC 2</u></b>	<b><u>LOC 3</u></b>	<b><u>LOC 4 and ISFC</u></b>
Administration	33.10%	30.94%	29.04%	27.01%
Federal	54.13%	50.00%	45.87%	38.67%
Non-Federal	45.87%	50.00%	54.13%	61.33%

## **ISFC SHARING RATIOS**

The LOC 4 sharing ratio was applied to the ISFC program, see Table B above. This is an interim sharing ratio.

### **GROUP HOME, STRTP AND CTF SHARING RATIOS**

Effective July 1, 2019 (FY 2019-20), the sharing ratios in Table C will be applied to the GH Rate Classification Level (RCL), CTF and STRTP programs. Historically, the effective date for the sharing ratio change for the GHs, CTFs and STRTPs has been annually in October with the last change being January 1, 2019. The sharing ratio change effective date will be moved up to July annually, to coincide with the annual California Necessities Index increase.

**Table C**

<b><u>GH RCL, CTF and STRTP</u></b>	<b><u>Federal</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Federal</u></b>
RCL 1 through RCL 8	93.60%	6.40%
RCL 9 through RCL 12	94.37%	5.63%
RCL 13, RCL 14, CTF & STRTP	95.34%	4.66%

### **THP-NMD (formerly THP+FC) SHARING RATIOS**

The following THP-NMD sharing ratios in Table D were previously published in [ACL No. 14-18](#). They are included in the table below for convenience:

**Table D**

<b><u>Housing Model</u></b>	<b><u>Federal</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Federal</u></b>
Host Family	79%	21%
Single Site	87%	13%
Remote Site	87%	13%

If you have any questions regarding this ACL, please contact the Foster Care Rates Bureau, at (916) 651-2752 or email questions to [fosterca@dss.ca.gov](mailto:fosterca@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

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