

July 1, 2020

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 20-78

The purpose of this All County Letter (ACL) is to provide the adjusted schedules of rates that reflect the California Necessities Index (CNI) increase of 3.72 percent for fiscal year (FY) 2020-21 effective July 1, 2020. The CNI increase is applicable to out of home placements and the AFDC-FC program.



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL FOSTER CARE ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISORS
ALL SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL ADOPTION REGIONAL AND FIELD OFFICES
ALL GROUP HOME PROVIDERS
ALL FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES
ALL TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES
ALL OUT-OF-STATE GROUP HOMES
CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN-FOSTER CARE
(AFDC-FC) AND HOME-BASED FAMILY CARE CALIFORNIA
NECESSITIES INDEX (CNI) INCREASES AND OTHER RATE
INCREASES

REFERENCE: [ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 403](#), CHAPTER 773, STATUTES OF 2015;
[AB 1997](#), CHAPTER 612, STATUTES OF 2016; [SENATE BILL
\(SB\) 1013](#), CHAPTER 35, STATUTES OF 2012; [SB 1811](#),
CHAPTER 35, STATUTES OF 2018; WELFARE AND
INSTITUTIONS CODE [\(WIC\) SECTIONS 11364](#), [WIC 11387](#), [WIC
11405](#), [WIC 11453](#), [WIC 11460](#), [WIC 11461](#), [WIC 11461\(d\)\(2\)\(A\)](#),
[WIC 11462](#), [WIC 11463](#), [WIC 11464](#), [WIC 18254](#), [WIC 18358.30](#);
[ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) 11-63](#); [ACL 11-63E](#); [ACL 11-54](#), [ACL
12-43](#); [ACL 13-62](#); [ACL 13-62E](#); [ACL 14-44](#); [ACL 14-104](#); [ACL 15-
58](#); [ACL 15-58E](#); [ACL 16-57](#) [ACL 16-79](#); [ACL 17-11](#); [ACL 17-75](#);
[ACL 17-111](#); [ACL 18-06](#); [ACL 18-06E](#); [ACL 18-25](#); [ACL 18-32](#); [ACL
18-48](#); [ACL 18-89](#); [ACL 19-34](#); [ACL 19-70](#)

The purpose of this ACL is to provide the adjusted schedules of rates that reflect the CNI increase of 3.72 percent for FY 2020-21. The CNI increase is applicable to out of home placements and the AFDC-FC program and is effective July 1, 2020. The rates are reflected in Attachment A, which is displayed in a new format.

SPECIALIZED CARE INCREMENT

A county may choose to apply a CNI to the Specialized Care Increment (SCI) with no state share-of-cost for any increase made to the SCI. If a county revises their CNI plan, a revised plan must be sent to the California Department of Social Services for review and posting.

ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP)

As usual, a separate ACL will continue to be issued specific to AAP providing a comprehensive schedule of rates related to AAP and CNI increases, effective July 1, 2020.

INQUIRIES

If you have any questions regarding the rates information in this ACL, please contact your Rates Consultant or the Foster Care Rates Bureau at (916) 651-9152.

ASSISTANCE CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS AND PAYMENT QUESTIONS

For information on claiming instructions, questions may be sent via email to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov. For information on payments, questions may be sent via email to assistance.claims@dss.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By

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c: CWDA

Attachment

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
FOSTER CARE RATES TABLE
Effective 07/01/20**

**HOME-BASED FAMILY CARE (HBFC) RATES : Resource Families, Foster Family
Homes, Relatives (including ARC), NREFM's and SILP**

BASIC LEVEL RATE: \$1,037

DUAL AGENCY RATES

AGE	RATE
Birth up to 3 years.	\$1,215
3 years and older. Children under 3 are eligible but must be receiving a higher level of services per WIC section 11464.	\$2,714

FFA RATES FOR ALL FFA PLACEMENT MADE *PRIOR TO 11/30/2017*

Age	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-20
Certified Home Rate	\$1,014	\$1,080	\$1,128	\$1,172	\$1,219
Total Rate	\$2,280	\$2,346	\$2,394	\$2,438	\$2,485

FFA RATES FOR ALL FFA PLACEMENT MADE *AFTER 12/01/2017*

Level	Basic Level Rate	LOC 2	LOC 3	LOC 4
RF Home Rate	\$1,037	\$1,153	\$1,271	\$1,387
Total Rate	\$2,303	\$2,465	\$2,629	\$2,827

GROUP HOME RATES

RCL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
RATE	\$2,865	\$3,578	\$4,292	\$5,002	\$5,712	\$6,430	\$7,141

RCL	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
RATE	\$7,858	\$8,567	\$9,283	\$9,992	\$10,708	\$11,429	\$12,139

SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM (STRTP): \$14,035

WRAPAROUND

RATE – FED: \$14,035

NON/FED: \$7,018

THP-NMD

Single Site Housing	Remote Site Housing	Host Family Model
\$3,603	\$3,603	\$2,867

INTENSIVE SERVICES FOSTER CARE (ISFC)

ISFC RF RATE: \$2,706

TOTAL RATE - \$6,388

INFANT SUPPLEMENT

PLACEMENT TYPE	Rate
FFH/FFA/THP-NMD/WFFH/RFA & SILP RATE	\$900
GROUP HOME	\$1,379

NONRELATED LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP & KinGAP

Rates effective based on when dependency was dismissed (KinGAP) or guardianship established (NRLG including Probate).

Established	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-20
Prior to May 1, 2011	\$603	\$656	\$702	\$774	\$849
May 1, 2011 - December 31, 2016	\$825	\$891	\$939	\$983	\$1,030
On or after 01/01/17	\$1,037	\$1,037	\$1,037	\$1,037	\$1,037