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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 21-76

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 2.11 percent for fiscal year (FY) 2021-22 effective July 1, 2021. The CNI increase is applicable to out of home placements and the Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (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 (HBFC) 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; [AB 2944, CHAPTER 104, STATUTES
OF 2020](#); [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](#), [ACL 20-78](#); [ACL 20-121](#),
[ACL 21-17](#); [ACL 21-17E](#)

The purpose of this ACL is to provide the adjusted schedules of rates that reflect the CNI increase of 2.11 percent for FY 2021-22. The CNI increase is applicable to out of home placements and the AFDC-FC program and is effective July 1, 2021. As a reminder, the full implementation of the Level of Care Rate Determination Protocol (LOCP) for all HBFC placements began April 1, 2021 per [ACL 21-17](#). All new rates are reflected in Attachment A.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT NONMINOR DEPENDENT (THP-NMD)

[ACL 20-121](#) notified counties and interested parties about the establishment of a THP-NMD Housing Supplement based on Fair Market Rent per county. Counties are reminded the CNI is applied to the THP-NMD rate only and does not apply to the Housing Supplement. The THP-NMD Housing Supplement is being implemented on a phased-in basis across the state, available in CalWORKs Information Network (CalWIN) counties on July 1, 2021, and in remaining California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) counties by September 1, 2022, contingent upon completion of the necessary automation changes. The THP-NMD Housing Supplement rates are displayed below in Attachment A for the CalWIN counties.

SPECIALIZED CARE INCREMENT (SCI)

With the full implementation of the LOCP for all Resource Families (RFs), counties should be using their updated SCI plans that were submitted to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). If a county would like to make additional revisions to their SCI plan, it must be sent to the CDSS for review and posting at SCI@dss.ca.gov.

INDIVIDUALIZED RATES

In addition to administering the statewide rates described in this ACL, with the passage of [AB 2944](#), the CDSS has the authority to approve alternative funding models and set individualized rates for innovative AFDC-FC programs or models of care and services that are consistent with statewide licensing and program requirements. An ACL regarding the new rate setting process for alternative funding models and individualized rates will be forthcoming.

ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP)

A separate ACL will be issued specific to AAP providing a comprehensive schedule of rates related to AAP and CNI increases, effective July 1, 2021.

INQUIRIES

If you have any questions regarding the rates information in this ACL, please contact RatesPolicy@dss.ca.gov.

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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,

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Children and Family Services Division

c: CWDA

Attachment

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

FOSTER CARE RATES TABLE

Effective 07/01/21

CNI 2.11%

HOME-BASED FAMILY CARE (HBFC) RATES : Resource Families (RFs), Licensed Foster Family Homes (FFHs), Relatives (including Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC), Non-Relative Extended Family Members (NREFMs), Dual Agency Placements, Tribally Approved Homes (TAH), Guardianships established through Juvenile Court, Probate Guardianships, Kinship Guardian Assistance Payment Program and Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs) residing in a HBFC family setting.

BASIC LEVEL RATE: \$1,059

DUAL AGENCY RATES

AGE	RATE
Birth up to 3 years.	\$1,241
Three (3) years and older. Children under 3 years are eligible but must be receiving a higher level of services per WIC section 11464.	\$2,771

FFA AGE BASED RATES

Age	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-20
Certified Home Rate	\$1,031	\$1,099	\$1,148	\$1,193	\$1,241
Total Rate	\$2,347	\$2,415	\$2,464	\$2,509	\$2,557

LOCP RF RATES

Level	Basic Level Rate	LOC 2	LOC 3	LOC 4
RF Home Rate	\$1,059	\$1,177	\$1,298	\$1,416
FFA Total Rate	\$2,375	\$2,539	\$2,706	\$2,906

SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM (STRTP): \$14,331

WRAPAROUND

RATE – FED: \$7,166
NON/FED: \$14,331

INTENSIVE SERVICES FOSTER CARE (ISFC)

ISFC RF RATE: \$2,763
TOTAL RATE: \$6,445

INFANT SUPPLEMENT

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

REIMBURSEMENT TO FUNERAL HOME: \$7,500

A county shall reimburse the foster parent(s) for the cost of the funeral expenses up to the amount above for a child receiving foster care at the time of his/her death.

NONRELATED LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP & KINGAP

Rates effective based on when dependency was dismissed (KinGAP) or guardianship established (NRLG including Probate). NRLGs established in probate court are eligible for the Basic Level Rate only.

Established	Age 0-4	Age 5-8	Age 9-11	Age 12-14	Age 15-20
Prior to May 1, 2011	\$616	\$670	\$717	\$790	\$867
May 1, 2011 - December 31, 2016	\$842	\$910	\$959	\$1,004	\$1,052
On or after 01/01/17	\$1,059	\$1,059	\$1,059	\$1,059	\$1,059

THP-NMD

Single Site Housing	Remote Site Housing	Host Family Model
\$3,679	\$3,679	\$2,927

**THP-NMD HOUSING SUPPLEMENT NMDS (NON-CUSTODIAL) BY COUNTIES
WITH A THP-NMD PROGRAM**

Counties in the table below that are noted with an asterisk (*) are part of the second phase of implementation of the THP-NMD Housing Supplement and will not receive a supplement during the 2021-22 FY. The asterisked counties will begin receiving a supplement by September 1, 2022, contingent upon completion of the necessary automation changes.

County	THP-NMD Rate	Housing Supplement	Total Rate
Alameda	\$3,679	\$420	\$4,099
Alpine	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Amador	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Butte	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Calaveras	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Colusa	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Contra Costa	\$3,679	\$420	\$4,099
Del Norte	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
El Dorado	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Fresno	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Glenn	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Humboldt	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Imperial	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Inyo	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Kern	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Kings	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Lake	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Lassen	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Los Angeles*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Madera	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Marin*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Mariposa	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Mendocino	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Merced	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Modoc	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Mono	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Monterey*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Napa*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Nevada	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Orange	\$3,679	\$394	\$4,073

County	THP-NMD Rate	Housing Supplement	Total Rate
Placer	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Plumas	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Riverside	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Sacramento	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
San Benito*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
San Bernardino	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
San Diego	\$3,679	\$290	\$3,969
San Francisco	\$3,679	\$1,005	\$4,684
San Joaquin	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
San Luis Obispo	\$3,679	\$61	\$3,740
San Mateo	\$3,679	\$1,005	\$4,684
Santa Barbara	\$3,679	\$415	\$4,094
Santa Clara	\$3,679	\$754	\$4,433
Santa Cruz	\$3,679	\$739	\$4,418
Shasta	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Sierra	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Siskiyou	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Solano	\$3,679	\$37	\$3,716
Sonoma	\$3,679	\$226	\$3,905
Stanislaus	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Sutter	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Tehama	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Trinity	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Tulare	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Tuolumne	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Ventura	\$3,679	\$190	\$3,869
Yolo	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Yuba	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679

**THP-NMD HOUSING SUPPLEMENT FOR YOUTH WHO ARE CUSTODIAL
PARENTS BY COUNTIES WITH A THP-NMD PROGRAM**

Counties in the table below that are noted with an asterisk (*) are part of the second phase of implementation of the THP-NMD Housing Supplement and will not receive a supplement during the 2021-22 FY. The asterisked counties will begin receiving a supplement by September 1, 2022, contingent upon completion of the necessary automation changes.

County	THP-NMD Rate	Housing Supplement	Total Rate
Alameda	\$3,679	\$1,162	\$4,841
Alpine*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Amador*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Butte*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Calaveras*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Colusa	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Contra Costa	\$3,679	\$1,162	\$4,841
Del Norte*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
El Dorado*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Fresno	\$3,679	\$79	\$3,758
Glenn	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Humboldt*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Imperial*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Inyo*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,758
Kern	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Kings*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Lake*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Lassen	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Los Angeles*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Madera*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Marin*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Mariposa*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Mendocino*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Merced*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Modoc	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Mono*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Monterey*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Napa*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Nevada*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Orange	\$3,679	\$1,116	\$4,795

County	THP-NMD Rate	Housing Supplement	Total Rate
Placer	\$3,679	\$416	\$4,095
Plumas	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Riverside*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Sacramento	\$3,679	\$416	\$4,095
San Benito*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
San Bernardino*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
San Diego	\$3,679	\$869	\$4,548
San Francisco	\$3,679	\$2,151	\$5,830
San Joaquin*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
San Luis Obispo	\$3,679	\$491	\$4,170
San Mateo	\$3,679	\$2,151	\$5,830
Santa Barbara	\$3,679	\$1,243	\$4,922
Santa Clara	\$3,679	\$1,786	\$5,465
Santa Cruz	\$3,679	\$1,520	\$5,199
Shasta*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Sierra*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Siskiyou	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Solano	\$3,679	\$579	\$4,258
Sonoma	\$3,679	\$747	\$4,426
Stanislaus*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Sutter *	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Tehama	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Trinity	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Tulare	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Tuolumne*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679
Ventura	\$3,679	\$747	\$4,426
Yolo	\$3,679	\$375	\$4,054
Yuba*	\$3,679	n/a	\$3,679