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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 25-45

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL FOSTER CARE ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISORS
ALL SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS
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 OUT-OF-STATE GROUP HOMES
CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS
ALL TRIBES WITH A TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT
ALL FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA NECESSITIES INDEX RATE INCREASES FOR
OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT RATES, INCLUDING THOSE
RECEIVING AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT
CHILDREN-FOSTER CARE AND APPROVED RELATIVE
CAREGIVER FUNDING

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);
[AB 102](#) (CHAPTER 38, STATUTES OF 2023);
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE [\(WIC\) SECTION 11364](#);
[WIC SECTION 11387](#); [WIC SECTION 11405](#); [WIC SECTION 11453](#);
[WIC SECTION 11460](#); [WIC SECTION 11461](#); [WIC SECTION 11462](#);
[WIC SECTION 11463](#); [WIC SECTION 11464](#);
[WIC SECTION 18254](#); [WIC SECTION 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; ACL 21-76; ACL 22-21; ACL 22-59; ACL 23-65; ACL 24-04; ACL 24-46](#)

The purpose of this All County Letter (ACL) is to provide the adjusted schedule of rates that reflect the California Necessities Index (CNI) increase of 3.42 percent for fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 effective July 1, 2025. The CNI rate increase is applicable to out-of-home placements, including those receiving Approved Relative Caregiver and the Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care funding. A separate ACL will be issued specific to Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) providing a comprehensive schedule of rates related to AAP and CNI increases, effective July 1, 2025.

As a reminder, the Specialized Care Increment (SCI) are county specific plans the Department approves and are not subject to the annual CNI increase. SCI plans by county are listed [here](#) or you may contact SCI@dss.ca.gov to obtain a specific county plan.

If you have any questions regarding the rates information in this ACL, please contact RatesPolicy@dss.ca.gov. 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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cc: County Welfare Directors Association of California

Attachment

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

FOSTER CARE RATES TABLE

Effective 07/01/25

CALIFORNIA NECESSITIES INDEX (CNI) 3.42%

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

BASIC LEVEL RATE: \$1,301

DUAL AGENCY RATES

AGE	RATE
Birth up to 3 years. Early Intervention Services.	\$1,525
3 years and older. Children under 3 years are eligible but must be receiving a higher level of services per WIC section 11464. Lanterman Services.	\$3,406
FFA Administrative Rate	\$1,316

FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES AGE BASED RATES

Age	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-21
Certified Home Rate	\$1,224	\$1,307	\$1,368	\$1,423	\$1,483
Total Rate	\$2,540	\$2,623	\$2,684	\$2,739	\$2,799

LEVEL OF CARE PROTOCOL RESOURCE FAMILIES AND FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES RATES

Level of Care (LOC)	Basic Level Rate	LOC 2	LOC 3	LOC 4
RF Home Rate	\$1,301	\$1,447	\$1,596	\$1,741
FFA Total Rate	\$2,617	\$2,809	\$3,004	\$3,231

SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM: \$17,616

WRAPAROUND

RATE – FED: \$8,808
NON/FED: \$17,616

INTENSIVE SERVICES FOSTER CARE (ISFC)

ISFC RF RATE: \$3,396
FFA TOTAL RATE: \$7,078

INFANT SUPPLEMENT

PLACEMENT TYPE	Rate
FFH/FFA/Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependents (THP-NMD)/Whole Family Foster Home/Resource Family Approval & Supervised Independent Living Placement Rate	\$900
Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program	\$1,379

REIMBURSEMENT TO FUNERAL HOME:

PLACEMENT TYPE	Rate
FOSTER CARE	\$12,818
KIN-GAP	\$5,000

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 or ARC at the time of their death.

**NONRELATED LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP (NRLG) & KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP
ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (KIN-GAP)**

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

Established	Age 0-4	Age 5-8	Age 9-11	Age 12-14	Age 15-20
Prior to May 1, 2011	\$757	\$823	\$881	\$971	\$1,065
May 1, 2011 - December 31, 2016	\$1,035	\$1,118	\$1,179	\$1,234	\$1,294

After January 1, 2017, new placements of children/youth eligible for assistance under NRLG and Kin-GAP (dependency and probate) received the basic level rate per [ACL 16-79](#).

As of April 1, 2021, NRLG (dependency) and Kin-GAP are eligible for all LOC rate levels regardless of their date of entry into foster care per ACL 21-17 and ACL 21-17E. The LOCs 2-4 may only be paid retroactively to April 2021, in non-FFA RFAs, when appropriate. Please refer to the [LOCP RF Rates Table](#) above.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT-NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS

Single Site Housing	Remote Site Housing	Host Family Model
\$4,523	\$4,523	\$3,598

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT-NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS (NON-CUSTODIAL) BY COUNTIES WITH A TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT-NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS PROGRAM

County	THP-NMD Rate	Housing Supplement	Total Rate
Alameda	\$4,523	\$371	\$4,894
Alpine	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Amador	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Butte	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Calaveras	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Colusa	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Contra Costa	\$4,523	\$371	\$4,894
Del Norte	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
El Dorado	\$4,523	\$133	\$4,656
Fresno	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Glenn	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Humboldt	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Imperial	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Inyo	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Kern	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Kings	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Lake	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Lassen	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Los Angeles	\$4,523	\$343	\$4,866
Madera	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Marin	\$4,523	\$689	\$5,212
Mariposa	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Mendocino	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Merced	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Modoc	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Mono	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523

County	THP-NMD Rate	Housing Supplement	Total Rate
Monterey	\$4,523	\$521	\$5,044
Napa	\$4,523	\$426	\$4,949
Nevada	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Orange	\$4,523	\$482	\$5,005
Placer	\$4,523	\$133	\$4,656
Plumas	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Riverside	\$4,523	\$183	\$4,706
Sacramento	\$4,523	\$133	\$4,656
San Benito	\$4,523	\$342	\$4,865
San Bernardino	\$4,523	\$183	\$4,706
San Diego	\$4,523	\$471	\$4,994
San Francisco	\$4,523	\$689	\$5,212
San Joaquin	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
San Luis Obispo	\$4,523	\$247	\$4,770
San Mateo	\$4,523	\$689	\$5,212
Santa Barbara	\$4,523	\$544	\$5,067
Santa Clara	\$4,523	\$753	\$5,276
Santa Cruz	\$4,523	\$1,142	\$5,665
Shasta	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Sierra	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Siskiyou	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Solano	\$4,523	\$240	\$4,763
Sonoma	\$4,523	\$400	\$4,923
Stanislaus	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Sutter	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Tehama	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Trinity	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Tulare	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Tuolumne	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Ventura	\$4,523	\$315	\$4,838
Yolo	\$4,523	\$88	\$4,611
Yuba	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT-NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT FOR YOUTH WHO ARE CUSTODIAL PARENTS BY COUNTIES WITH A TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT-NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS PROGRAM

County	THP-NMD Rate	Housing Supplement	Total Rate
Alameda	\$4,523	\$1,231	\$5,754

County	THP-NMD Rate	Housing Supplement	Total Rate
Alpine	\$4,523	\$131	\$4,654
Amador	\$4,523	\$290	\$4,813
Butte	\$4,523	\$156	\$4,679
Calaveras	\$4,523	\$116	\$4,639
Colusa	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Contra Costa	\$4,523	\$1,231	\$5,754
Del Norte	\$4,523	\$116	\$4,639
El Dorado	\$4,523	\$807	\$5,330
Fresno	\$4,523	\$247	\$4,770
Glenn	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Humboldt	\$4,523	\$162	\$4,685
Imperial	\$4,523	\$86	\$4,609
Inyo	\$4,523	\$284	\$4,807
Kern	\$4,523	\$94	\$4,617
Kings	\$4,523	\$188	\$4,711
Lake	\$4,523	\$90	\$4,613
Lassen	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Los Angeles	\$4,523	\$1,111	\$5,634
Madera	\$4,523	\$136	\$4,659
Marin	\$4,523	\$1,810	\$6,333
Mariposa	\$4,523	\$149	\$4,672
Mendocino	\$4,523	\$250	\$4,773
Merced	\$4,523	\$257	\$4,780
Modoc	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Mono	\$4,523	\$378	\$4,901
Monterey	\$4,523	\$1,509	\$6,032
Napa	\$4,523	\$1,158	\$5,681
Nevada	\$4,523	\$391	\$4,914
Orange	\$4,523	\$1,484	\$6,007
Placer	\$4,523	\$807	\$5,330
Plumas	\$4,523	\$35	\$4,558
Riverside	\$4,523	\$882	\$5,405
Sacramento	\$4,523	\$807	\$5,330
San Benito	\$4,523	\$1,029	\$5,552
San Bernardino	\$4,523	\$882	\$5,405
San Diego	\$4,523	\$1,358	\$5,881
San Francisco	\$4,523	\$1,810	\$6,333
San Joaquin	\$4,523	\$393	\$4,916
San Luis Obispo	\$4,523	\$885	\$5,408
San Mateo	\$4,523	\$1,810	\$6,333
Santa Barbara	\$4,523	\$1,718	\$6,241

County	THP-NMD Rate	Housing Supplement	Total Rate
Santa Clara	\$4,523	\$2,005	\$6,528
Santa Cruz	\$4,523	\$2,251	\$6,774
Shasta	\$4,523	\$259	\$4,782
Sierra	\$4,523	\$131	\$4,654
Siskiyou	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Solano	\$4,523	\$924	\$5,447
Sonoma	\$4,523	\$1,119	\$5,642
Stanislaus	\$4,523	\$239	\$4,762
Sutter	\$4,523	\$227	\$4,750
Tehama	\$4,523	\$10	\$4,533
Trinity	\$4,523	\$0	\$4,523
Tulare	\$4,523	\$119	\$4,642
Tuolumne	\$4,523	\$153	\$4,676
Ventura	\$4,523	\$1,177	\$5,700
Yolo	\$4,523	\$643	\$5,166
Yuba	\$4,523	\$227	\$4,750