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Foster Care Rates Bureau
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Re: Specialized Care Increments in Humboldt County

To Whom It May Concern,

Humboldt County will cease provision of the Specialized Care Increment (SCI) supplement to the foster care rate for new children/youth entering foster care on or after the implementation date of the new Levels of Care (LOC) rate determination structure.

The new LOC rate structure and its accompanying matrix, used to determine a higher than basic rate, is based on the behavioral, emotional and physical requirements of children/youth in care. As the existing Humboldt County SCI Plan, most recently defined in the enclosed 2011 determination criteria submission, currently performs a similar but more limited function it will no longer be utilized in Humboldt County within the LOC rate structure.

Foster care payments for those children/youth in active foster care cases on the LOC implementation date with approved and active SCI rates will continue to include the SCI supplement until the individual no longer meets the SCI criteria or is reassessed into the LOC rate structure, at which time the SCI rate will end. When SCI rates terminate the recipient will receive a Notice of Action form informing of the reduction of the foster care rate due to cessation of the SCI rate, and/or the increase in the rate due to LOC reassessment if their rate is elevated. Staff from the Foster Care Eligibility, Social Work and/or Probation units are available to answer questions regarding foster care rates and their applicability for caregivers and youth.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at the email or phone number provided below.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: 2011 SCI Determination Criteria
CC: CWS Director; File