June 27, 2018

California Department of Social Services  
Health and Human Services Bureau  
744 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
SCI@dss.ca.gov

RE: Updated Specialized Care Increment Plan

Attached is Solano County's updated Specialized Care Increment plan (SCI Plan). We will implement the new SCI Plan concurrently with the LOC Protocol on a date to be determined once the additional guidelines for LOC Protocol Implementation are issued from CDSS.

This plan was written in accordance with ACL 18-48.

If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Crutison at (707) 784-8331 or acrutison@solanocounty.com.

Sincerely,

Aaron Crutison, Deputy Director  
Child Welfare Services
June 28, 2018

California Department of Social Services
744 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear SCI staff,

Solano County Child Welfare Services submits the following plan in modification of the existing SCI plan posted at http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/res/pdf/SCR/Solano.pdf. In addition to following the directives issued by CDSS in ACL 18-48 (and ACLs referenced therein), the primary changes to Solano County’s SCI plan are that Solano County Child Welfare Services will use the “Statewide SCI Matrix” as posted at www.cwda.org, and with new, tiered rates. Solano County will continue to operate a Specialized Care Rate (SCR) program, to support the objectives of Continuum of Care Reform and supporting youth to be placed in the least-restrictive, family home based settings, with their identified needs being met where they are.

1. Populations Served

Specialized Care Increments (SCI’s) are available to county-approved Resource Families (which includes Relatives and Non-Related Extended Family Members) who are eligible to receive AFDC-FC, Adoption Assistance Program and KinGAP payments. Foster Family Agency (FFA) certified homes, Group Homes and/or STRTPs are not eligible for SCI’s.

SCI’s for children and youth receiving AAP are part of their negotiated rate and is included on the “Payment Instructions Adoption Assistance Program” (AAP 2) form.

Children and youth who are receiving a KinGAP payment that includes a SCI rate may continue to receive a SCI as long as the child or youth continues to meet the eligibility requirements for the SCI. If the KinGAP payments for a child or youth that included a SCI rate based on a prior special need no longer exists, the SCI may be terminated, therefore, resulting in a decrease of the KinGAP payment. If the KinGAP payment did not include a SCI rate and the child or youth has special needs, the KinGAP guardian may request for an evaluation of the child or youth to receive a SCI rate.

2. Payment Amounts (Tier System)

Solano County Child Welfare Services Specialized Care Rate (SCR) Structure:

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SCI rates are applied in addition to the LOC rate, after the LOC has been established, and it is then further established that an SCI is indicated based on the child’s over-and-above challenges in the identified areas.
3. **Criteria and Qualifying Factors/Conditions used to determine the SCI rate**

The CWDA SCI rate structure is the format and structure used by Solano County CWS to establish an SCI rate.

4. **Review Process and Schedule for SCI re-assessment**

The SCI rate will be reviewed by the supervisor and submitted to a manager for secondary review/approval. Approved SCIs will reassess annually for active foster care cases and every two years for Kin-Gap and AAP cases. All SCI reassessments must be driven by the results of a completed LOC process.

5. **Circumstances which trigger an SCI assessment**

All new SCI requests and reassessments must be triggered by completion of the LOC process, from which the social worker has assessed and determined that an SCI is necessary to ensure that services are supported to cover a gap where the services needed are more than covered by LOC. The SCI process may be done when establishing Kin-GAP and AAP.

6. **Proposed Implementation dates and plan for how existing families will be treated under new SCI plan**

Solano County will implement on July 1, 2018. Families currently receiving an SCI will continue to receive the previously-agreed-upon rate under the active signed agreement. All SCI assessments done after June 30, 2018 will be under this newly-implemented process.

7. **How families will be notified of the new rates**

Current SCI agreements/forms will be allowed to expire on the previously-negotiated date and any ongoing SCI will be completed under this new plan and process. Families currently receiving a SCI will be notified of the new rate at the time of their renewal.

8. **A copy of the NOA form**

*See attached.*

9. **The single point of contact for Specialized Care Increment in Solano County**

Rhonda Smith, Social Services Manager will be the single point of contact and you can reach her by phone at (707) 784-8423 or e-mail rhsmith@solanocounty.com.

Attachment

Notice of Action
NOTICE OF ACTION
Foster Care Change

Foster Care payments for 
are changing from $923.00 to $1248.00 effective 08/01/2018.

Here’s why:
You are now authorized to receive a Specialized Care Increment for this child.

Please refer to the budget shown on this page.

CSO 11 (08/04) FC Change - Special Needs Added, Changed

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Rules: Those rules apply. You may review them at your welfare office. EAS Section(s): 45-302, OPS Manual Section(s): 11-401.2

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Questions? Ask your Worker.
State Hearing: If you think this action is wrong, you can ask for a state hearing. The back of this page tells how. Your benefits may not be changed if you ask for a hearing before this action takes place.