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Re:  
Specialized Care Increment (SCI) Determination Documents

Reference:  
All County Letter No. 10-62  
Mariposa County Foster Care Basic Rates Effective January 1, 2008

Foster Home Basic Rates

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Mariposa County currently has a single tier specialized care increment plan that is based upon the assessment of the social worker in consultation with the foster parent/care giver(s). A specialized care increment is authorized in situations in which the foster child requires additional care or additional costs are incurred, such as medical conditions requiring frequent visits to the doctor or oversight by the caregiver, frequent bedwetting, or other types of increased care needs. A memo from the social worker with supporting documentation, when available, authorizing the addition of a specialized care increment to the basic foster care rate, is provided to the AFDC-Foster Care eligibility worker. The continuance of the specialized care increment is based upon an annual review of its need by the social worker. The Child Welfare Services Supervisor and Eligibility Supervisor provide programmatic oversight for this process and fiscal oversight is provided by the Fiscal Officer.

The Social Worker provides a memo to the Eligibility Worker explaining the conditions which justify the specialized care increment and completes the SOC158A Child Welfare Services placement form.

NOTE: Mariposa County is in the process of reviewing its specialized care increment rate system with consideration being given to developing a multi-tier increment rate proposal with corresponding policies and procedures. The proposal will be submitted for review and approval to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors and the California Department of Social Services.