

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-55-00

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
PROGRAM MANAGERS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL PERSONNEL.

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: AID CODES FOR CONSUMERS INVOLVED IN THE WRAPAROUND PROGRAM THROUGH EITHER SENATE BILL (SB) 163 OR THE TITLE IV-E WAIVER CHILD WELFARE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

REFERENCE: Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11404, 16121, and 18251

The purpose of this information notice is to clarify information about Medi-Cal eligibility and Medi-Cal aid codes for children and adolescents involved in either the state or federal Wraparound Services Pilots.

Children who are dependents of the state or wards of the court pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 300, et seq. or 600, et seq, and who are receiving or are eligible to receive payments through the Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) program, are eligible for Medi-Cal.

The state Senate Bill (SB) 163 Wraparound Services Pilot and the federal Title IV-E Waiver Child Welfare Demonstration Project both serve children and adolescents who are currently residing, or are at risk of being placed, in a group home licensed at a rate classification level of 12 through 14. Counties are assigned service allocation slots that provide an individualized and intensive Wraparound services package necessary to keep these children in their homes, allow them to be returned to their families, or be placed at a lower level of foster care placement than would otherwise be possible. In addition, adopted children may participate in the pilot if they are otherwise eligible for Adoption Assistance Program funded group home placements in accordance with the requirements of WIC Section 16121, and if they meet the definition of the target population.

Children in foster care, who meet the federal AFDC-FC requirements, are reported to the State as aid code 42. Children in foster care, who are eligible for the State AFDC-FC program, are reported as aid code 40. While in either of the Wraparound Services Pilots, these children will have the same aid code in all placement settings, including in-home placements. Counties are not to redetermine Medi-Cal eligibility when a child is returned to his/her home while participating in either the state or federal Wraparound Services Pilots. Placement in the child's home does not represent a change in status as a dependent or ward of the court. The child's foster care status continues while in a Wraparound Services Pilot Program.

For purposes of simplification and continued access to vital health care, if a child in either the state or federal Wraparound Services Pilot is "placed" in his/her home, the county welfare department's physical address or post office box may be used as the child's address. If the county is using a private lead agency to administer the Wraparound Pilot, the private lead agency's address may be used. This should help to clarify for the county eligibility worker that the child's status as a foster care child has not changed and that the child's place of residence has no bearing on his/her Medi-Cal eligibility.

In some cases, Wraparound eligibles are not foster care children. If these non-dependent, non-ward children are already Medi-Cal eligible because of family income or disability, Medi-Cal eligibility would not be redetermined with change of placement, and the child's current Medi-Cal eligibility would continue.

If you have any questions, please call the Child Welfare Services Bureau, Program Development Unit Manager, Cecelia Fisher-Dahms, or your SB 163 Wraparound consultant at (916) 445-2890. Title IV-E Demonstration counties should contact the IV-E Waiver & Funding Unit Manager Greg Rose or your IV-E consultant at (916) 324-5809.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

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Children and Family Services Division