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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 13-03

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES  
ALL ADOPTION DISTRICT OFFICES  
ALL GROUP HOME PROVIDERS  
ALL FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES  
TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES

SUBJECT: THE FOSTERING CONNECTIONS TO SUCCESS AND  
INCREASING ADOPTIONS ACT OF 2008 (PUBLIC LAW 110-351)  
EDUCATION TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

REFERENCE: ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 12 (CHAPTER 559, STATUTES OF 2010);  
AB 212 (CHAPTER 459, STATUTES OF 2011);  
PUBLIC LAW 110-351, DATED OCTOBER 7, 2008;  
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE (W&IC) SECTION 11400(W);  
ACL NO. 11-51, DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2011  
ACL NO. 12-44, DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2012;

This letter is to clarify education travel reimbursements for placements not addressed in All County Letter (ACL) No. 11-51, dated September 21, 2011. This letter establishes that those Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs) placed in a Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP) as described in ACL No. 12-44 and attending high school at their school of origin and meeting all other requirements (as described in ACL No. 11-77, Page 6, Section 4) are entitled to receive the education travel reimbursement. This reimbursement is to be paid directly to the NMD.

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

The AB 12 (California's Fostering Connections to Success Act) and AB 212 provided statutory authority for California's implementation of extended foster care, as authorized by federal Public Law 110-351. Additionally, AB 12 and AB 212 provided a new category of placement option, Supervised Independent Living Setting (SILS), a supervised setting as specified in a NMDs transitional independent living case plan, in which the youth is living independently. The Transitional Housing Placement Plus Foster Care (THP+FC) placements and SILPS are considered types of SILS.

A SILP, as described in ACL No. 12-44, is a foster care placement approved and supervised by the county social worker or probation officer for that NMD only and in which the NMD is living independently, can be their own payee, and is not receiving provider-based supportive services. A SILP is the least restrictive placement option and will receive only the basic Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care rate with no specialized care increment (W&IC Section 11400(w)).

The THP+FC as described in ACL No. 12-44 is a program for NMDs, which is offered by a licensed transitional housing placement provider-based, supervised housing and supportive services program that includes regular contact with a provider case manager. Through THP+FC, NMDs are able to gain a level of independence in a supervised setting. This type of SILS placement is more restricted and has a higher rate structure than a SILP. **However, THP+FC providers are not eligible for education travel reimbursement.**

Subsequent to implementation of ACL No. 11-51, it has come to the attention of the Department of Social Services that there may be occasions when a NMD placed in a SILP is attending high school at their school of origin. In those instances, provided all other requirements have been satisfied, the NMD would be entitled to receive the education travel reimbursement, made payable to the youth.

### Rates

#### Mileage Rates:

Distance from Foster Care Placement to School of Origin (in miles) One Way	Educational Travel Rate per Month per Child
Up to 3 miles	\$0
4 to 8 miles	\$58
9 to 13 miles	\$154
14 to 18 miles	\$250
19 to 23 miles	\$347
24 or more miles	\$443

**Public Transportation Rates**

Public transportation passes are reimbursed at the flat rates of \$25, \$50, or \$75 per month per youth, as determined by the placement agency. If the costs of the monthly public transportation pass falls between two levels, reimbursement to the provider or NMD will always be at the higher of the two levels.

**Inquiries**

Any questions regarding educational travel rates can be directed to the Foster Care Rates Bureau consultant at (916) 651-9152. Any questions regarding the assistance claim can be emailed to [assistance.claims@dss.ca.gov](mailto:assistance.claims@dss.ca.gov). Questions concerning educational planning and case plan assurances related to educational stability can be directed to the Child and Youth Permanency Branch at (916) 651-7464.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

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