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ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) No. 13-09

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM MANAGERS
ALL INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING COORDINATORS
FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY PROVIDERS
GROUP HOME PROVIDERS
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT PROGRAMS
ALL TITLE IV-E AND DIRECT AGREEMENT TRIBES

SUBJECT: TRANSITIONING YOUTH FROM TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
PLACEMENT PROGRAM (THPP) TO THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
PLACEMENT PLUS FOSTER CARE (THP+FC) PROGRAM

REFERENCES: ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 12, CHAPTER 559, STATUTES OF 2012
AB 212, CHAPTER 459, STATUTES OF 2012
SENATE BILL (SB) 1013, CHAPTER 35, STATUTES OF 2012
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODES SECTIONS 1502(a)(12), 1502.3(a),
1505(k)(4), 1559.110
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODES SECTIONS 11400(g), 11403,
11465(b)
ACL NO. 11-03, DATED JANUARY 7, 2011
ACL NO. 11-53, DATED JULY 25, 2011
ACL NO. 11-69, DATED OCTOBER 13, 2011
ACL NO. 12-44, DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

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 purpose of this letter is to provide additional information about licensed transitional housing placement providers caring for eligible Nonminor Dependents (NMDs), who are currently in a THPP for minors, while the provider is expanding to add a THP+FC Program, as originally set forth in ACL No. 12-44.

The THPP and the THP+FC are programs operated by a licensed transitional housing placement provider to serve two different age groups of older foster youth. Prior to SB 1013, a licensed transitional housing placement provider could only serve foster youth ages 16 and 17 under a program certified by a county as a THPP. However, effective July 1, 2012, SB 1013 allows a licensed transitional housing placement provider to operate a THP+FC Program for NMD's ages 18-21. To serve this NMD population, a currently licensed transitional housing placement provider serving youth ages 16-17 must seek certification from a county to operate a THP+FC Program.

A NMD placed in a THPP prior to age 18 may remain with a provider whose license has not yet been updated to include the THP+FC Program, if the licensed transitional housing placement provider meets the conditions specified in the following paragraph.

The conditions that the provider must meet to avoid being penalized for exceeding the age limit of their THPP certification and license by continuing to serve a NMD placed prior to age 18, are that the provider has done the following: (1) has submitted a request for THP+FC certification and the updated Plan of Operation to the applicable county by May 1, 2013; (2) has submitted an application for a revised license with an updated Plan of Operation to serve NMDs and the county certification to the appropriate Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) Regional Office by June 1, 2013, and (3) intends to apply for the THP+FC rate by August 1, 2013. (Refer to ACL No. 12-44, pages six through ten and page 15).

During this transition period, if these conditions are met, the CCLD will not cite a transitional housing placement provider for providing services to a NMD without a THP+FC certification in violation of its license, and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will not deny claims for the NMD's placement costs. This authorization to continue serving a NMD placed prior to age 18 under a THPP certification will continue until August 1, 2013. After August 1, 2013, a provider can only serve NMDs if it has been certified as a THP+FC Program and has an updated license.

To facilitate the timely transfer of NMDs from THPP to THP+FC and to avoid denial of claims, providers should start the process as soon as possible, but no later than May 1, 2013 to become a THP+FC provider. The county should be in contact with the licensed transitional housing placement provider to facilitate timely application and program expansion. The updated Plan of Operation will be reviewed by CCLD when it is received to expedite processing of the application.

In addition, the Rate Application Package should be submitted to the CDSS Foster Care Audits and Rates Branch by August 1, 2013. The county certification, approved amended Plan of Operation, and updated license are requirements for a THP+FC rate.

While these actions are pending, the provider will still receive the THPP rate until the THP+FC rate is obtained. For an NMD placed prior to age 18, the county may claim the full amount of the THPP rate. However, in circumstances where the counties must place a NMD with a licensed transitional housing placement provider before the provider has received its THP+FC rate, the county must pay the THPP rate, but may only claim the THP+FC rate, and the remainder is county only dollars.

The rates for the THP+FC housing models are as follows (See ACL 12-44, Attachment 1):

1. Single Site Housing - \$2,797 Per Month
2. Remote Site - \$2,797 Per Month
3. Host Family Model - \$2,225 Per Month

NOTE: The requirement to apply for county certification no later than May 1, 2013 and to apply for a THP+ FC rate no later than August 1, 2013 *only* applies to those licensed transitional housing placement providers that are currently housing NMDs pending receipt of its THP+ FC certification and updated license. An existing transitional housing placement provider that is not currently housing NMDs or a new provider may initiate the process to operate a THP+ FC Program at any time.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the THPP or THP+FC Programs, please contact the Independent Living Program Policy Unit, at (916) 651-7465 or if you have questions concerning the THP+FC rates, please contact the Foster Care Rates Bureau, at (916) 651-9152.

Sincerely,

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