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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 15/16-32

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY CHILD WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 POST 2011 REALIGNMENT CHILD
WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAMS ALLOCATION – CASE
RECORD REVIEWS

REFERENCE: [ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) NO. 14-84, DATED
NOVEMBER 20, 2014;](#)
[COUNTY FISCAL LETTER \(CFL\) NO. 14/15-37,
DATED JANUARY 16, 2015;](#)
[CFL NO. 14/15-39, DATED JANUARY 16, 2015;](#)
[ACL NO. 15-34, DATED MARCH 15, 2015;](#)
[ACL NO. 15-77, DATED OCTOBER 14, 2015](#)
[SENATE BILL \(SB\) 1013 \(CHAPTER 35, STATUTES OF 2012\)](#)

The California Department of Social Services, in collaboration with the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) and the Department of Finance, has created a new Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 Post 2011 Realignment Child Welfare Services (CWS) allocation that will include all CWS premises resulting from new legislation, regulations, executive orders or administrative directives, plans or waivers, including amendments to plans or waivers, and judicial and administrative proceedings, both federal and state, which have the overall effect of increasing costs borne by the child welfare agency.

The Budget Act of 2015 includes costs for several state and federally required activities since the passage of 2011 Realignment related to child welfare services, which includes the following premises:

- Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (Strengthening Families Act)
- After 18 Terminated Guardianship and Adoption

- After 18 Supervised Independent Living Placement Infant Payment
- CWS Case Record Reviews
- Foster Youth Credit Reports (Strengthening Families Act)
- Notification of Relatives (Strengthening Families Act)
- Pregnant Minors and Nonminor Dependents (Strengthening Families Act)
- Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard (Strengthening Families Act)
- Reports of Child Near Fatalities
- Sibling Visitations

The attachment displays the allocation for CWS Case Record Reviews as the first premise for this new allocation. As the other post 2011 realignment premises from the list above are implemented, they will be added to the FY 2015-16 Post 2011 Realignment CWS allocation.

A total of \$6.6 million General Fund (GF) is available for the CWS Case Record Reviews, which are federally required.

The CWS Case Record Reviews will include an extensive online review process and in-depth interviews for individuals involved in the case plan for each case selected to undergo a review. Each county child welfare and probation agency will perform reviews on an ongoing basis, which must be at least monthly for child welfare and quarterly for probation. For implementation details please refer to [ACL NO. 15-77](#).

As stated in the California Constitution Article XIII section 36, section (5)(A), "...if there are subsequent changes in federal statutes or regulations that alter the conditions under which federal matching funds as described in the 2011 Realignment Legislation are obtained, and have the overall effect of increasing the costs incurred by a local agency, the State shall annually provide at least 50 percent of the nonfederal share of those costs as determined by the State." Therefore, the nonfederal portion of costs associated with this federal mandate is funded at 50 percent state GF and 50 percent county funds, up to each county's FY 2015-16 Post 2011 Realignment CWS allocation. This applies to any federally mandated programs/activities implemented by new legislation after the passage of Senate Bill 1013.

In consultation with the CWDA, this allocation is distributed based on a percent to total of the number full time equivalents required to review cases annually, as specified in [ACL NO. 15-77](#).

Counties should claim costs to Program Code 922 – CWS Case Reviews. The State Use Only (SUO) code 923 (SUO-NON-FEDERAL CWS) will be used to capture non-federally eligible costs after the Title IV-E nonfederal discount rate is applied. Expenditures exceeding the GF allocation will be shifted to county only funding via

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SUO 924 – SUO CWS- Case Reviews Overmatch. For claiming instructions, please refer to [CFL NO. 14/15-37](#).

Please direct any questions regarding this CFL to the Fiscal Systems Bureau at fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

LILIA A. YOUNG, Chief
Financial Management and Contracts Branch

Attachment

**FISCAL YEAR 2015-16
POST 2011 REALIGNMENT CHILD
WELFARE SERVICES ALLOCATION**

County	Case Record Review
Alameda*	\$169,125
Alpine	\$42,617
Amador	\$42,617
Butte*	\$126,844
Calaveras	\$85,235
Colusa	\$42,617
Contra Costa	\$170,470
Del Norte	\$85,235
El Dorado	\$127,852
Fresno	\$170,470
Glenn	\$85,235
Humboldt	\$127,852
Imperial	\$127,852
Inyo	\$42,617
Kern	\$170,470
Kings	\$127,852
Lake	\$84,562
Lassen	\$42,617
Los Angeles*	\$169,125
Madera	\$127,852
Marin	\$85,235
Mariposa	\$42,617
Mendocino	\$127,852
Merced	\$127,852
Modoc	\$42,617
Mono	\$42,617
Monterey	\$127,852
Napa	\$85,235
Nevada	\$85,235
Orange	\$170,470
Placer	\$127,852
Plumas	\$42,617
Riverside	\$170,470
Sacramento*	\$169,125
San Benito	\$85,235
San Bernardino	\$170,470
San Diego	\$169,125
San Francisco*	\$169,125
San Joaquin	\$170,470
San Luis Obispo	\$127,852
San Mateo	\$127,852
Santa Barbara	\$127,852
Santa Clara*	\$169,125
Santa Cruz	\$127,852
Shasta	\$127,852
Sierra	\$42,617
Siskiyou	\$85,235
Solano	\$127,852
Sonoma*	\$126,844
Stanislaus	\$170,470
Sutter	\$85,235
Tehama	\$85,235
Trinity	\$42,678
Tulare	\$170,470
Tuolumne	\$85,235
Ventura	\$170,470
Yolo	\$127,852
Yuba	\$85,235
Total	\$6,595,000

*The allocations for the counties participating in the Title IV-E California Well Being Project will also be reflected in the forthcoming waiver CFL.