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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 09-17

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL LICENSED ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL CDSS ADOPTIONS DISTRICT OFFICES
ALL COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY PLACEMENT SUPERVISORS
ALL ADOPTION FACILITATORS
ALL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES
KARUK TRIBE

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENT TO THE RATE REQUESTS FOR DUAL AGENCY AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN-FOSTER CARE (AFDC-FC) AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP) CHILDREN QUARTERLY STATISTICAL REPORT

REFERENCE: Senate Bill 84, (Chapter 177, Statutes of 2007), All County Letter No. 08-17, All County Letter No. 08-54, Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 11464 (h)(1) –11464 (h)(2)(A) and 11464 (h)(2)(C)-(G)

The purpose of this All County Letter (ACL) is to provide counties and California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Adoptions District Offices with notification of a new statistical report, the FC/AAP 84, Supplement to the Rate Requests for Dual Agency AFDC-FC and AAP Children Quarterly Statistical Report, to be submitted quarterly to the CDSS. The report will summarize data pertaining to the supplement to the rate requests for dual agency children, which will be included in the Joint Legislative Budget Committee report that is submitted semiannually in accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 84 (Chapter 177, Statutes of 2007). Instructions for completing the new report form will be forthcoming in a separate ACL.

A dual agency child is a child in a foster care home, a child in adoptive placement, or adopted from the foster care system, who receives AFDC-FC or AAP benefits and who is concurrently a consumer of California Regional Center services due to a developmental disability, as defined by the Lanterman Act, and/or children receiving services under the California Early Start Intervention Services Act.

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

A supplement to the dual agency rate is provided for children who are consumers of regional center services and also receiving AFDC-FC or AAP benefits who have care and supervision needs that are so extraordinary that they cannot be addressed within the \$2,006 rate. In these limited circumstances, a supplement may be provided in addition to the enhanced rate.

BACKGROUND

Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) Sections 11464 (h)(1) – 11464 (h)(2)(A) and 11464 (h)(2)(C) through (G) mandate CDSS and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to collect and report information semiannually to the Legislature. To meet these data requirements, information is currently being collected from various sources by CDSS and DDS; however, in order to complete the data requirements, it will be necessary for counties to submit statistical reports with the following information:

- The number and levels of the supplement to the rate requested.
- The number of appeals requested regarding the decision by counties to deny the request for the supplement to the rate.
- The total number and levels of supplements to the rate authorized and the number of these supplements to the rate authorized upon appeal.

Further information relative to the dual agency supplement to the rate may be obtained from All County Letter No. 08-54, dated December 1, 2008.

The data from this statistical report will also provide county and state entities with information needed for budgeting, staffing, program planning, and other purposes.

REPORTING RETROACTIVE DATA

Counties shall provide AFDC-FC and AAP data retroactive from July 1, 2007, on their first quarterly report that is submitted to CDSS, Data Systems and Survey Design Bureau.

COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION

Each county is responsible for ensuring that its AFDC-FC and AAP data for each report is fully and accurately completed.

If portions of the report are completed by more than one entity within the County and/or outside agencies, the single contact person for each county responsible for submitting the one report to the state will review the report for completeness and accuracy prior to submittal.

Counties that are licensed to provide adoption services will provide their AAP data to their county's single contact person to submit in the county's one report.

Counties that are not licensed to provide adoption services will receive their completed AAP paperwork from the CDSS Adoptions District Office that handles their county's adoptions. The counties then will provide the AAP data to their single contact person to submit in the county's one report.

INQUIRIES

If you have any questions regarding the new statistical report and related instructions, please contact the Data Systems and Survey Design Bureau at (916) 651-8269 or Foster Care Rates Policy Unit at (916) 324-4873.

Sincerely,

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