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ERRATA

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 11-42E

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
KARUK TRIBE

SUBJECT: FOSTER FAMILY HOME RATE INCREASE AS A RESULT OF  
CALIFORNIA STATE FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION v.  
WILLIAM LIGHTBOURNE, et al.

REFERENCE: WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION (§) 11461  
ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 11-42

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 Errata to ACL 11-42 is to provide counties with important updated information and instructions for clarification of the May 27, 2011 court order issued by the United States District Court (Court), in the case of the California State Foster Parent Association v. William Lightbourne, et al. (CSFPA). On June 9, 2011, the Court reiterated that the rates are effective “immediately,” meaning any check that had not been issued by the date of the May 27, 2011 order shall include the increased rate.

Therefore, since checks for reimbursement of foster care for the month of May had not yet been issued by May 27th; increased rates apply for the provision of foster care for the entire month of May 2011. If checks have already been issued in June for May reimbursement, a supplemental check will need to be sent to foster family home providers immediately and in no event later than June 30, 2011, in order to bring the payment current with the new rates. The provider checks issued in the month of June for provision of foster care in the month of May 2011, including supplemental checks if necessary, shall total as follows for all counties notwithstanding ACL No. 09-45:

Age Range	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-19
New FFH State-wide Rate Structure- May and June 2011	\$609	\$660	\$695	\$727	\$761

The annual cost of living adjustment is the California Necessities Index (CNI) referenced in ACL NO. 11-42. Therefore, the rate above shall be increased on July 1, 2011 by 1.92 percent to reflect the change in fiscal year 2011-12 CNI. The new rates are identified below and will be effective with the July 2011 foster family home reimbursement rates.

Age Range	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-19
New FFH State-wide Rate Structure as of July 1, 2011	\$621	\$673	\$708	\$741	\$776

This lawsuit was brought on behalf of licensed foster family homes and does not order an increase to any other programs or benefits.

County staff should contact the Foster Care Rates Policy Unit, Foster Care Rates Bureau, with questions regarding foster family home rates at (916) 651-9152.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

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