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November 15, 2011

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 11-75

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL GROUP HOME PROVIDERS
ALL FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: SHARING RATIOS FOR GROUP HOME PROGRAMS
FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2011-12

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 10-50
(DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2010)

The purpose of this ACL is to provide current information regarding sharing ratios between federally and non-federally eligible children in group home programs for FY 2011-12.

Cost sharing ratios are developed by taking the group home audited costs from the "Group Home Program Costs Report" (SR 3) submitted for each program and grouping the programs by each Rate Classification Level (RCL) groups 1 through 8, 9 through 12, and 13 through 14. The total (final allowable reasonable) program costs within each RCL group are calculated, as well as the non-federally allowable costs, which include social work and shelter costs-acquisition mortgage principal and interest. The total non-federally allowable costs are divided into the total program costs for each RCL group. The result is the non-federally allowable costs.

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 cost sharing ratios for FY 2011-12 are as follows:

<u>RCL</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>NON-FEDERAL</u>
1 through 8	95.39	4.61
9 through 12	92.55	7.45
13 and 14	94.53	5.47

Effective October 1, 2011, counties must apply these cost sharing ratios to all Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care rates paid to group homes according to the RCL of the group home placement. Additionally, the cost sharing ratios identified above are for all group home providers for the period identified.

The cost sharing ratios will be recalculated every year to ensure that cost sharing ratios within the groupings are calculated using recent audited cost data representing a majority of all group home providers. The cost sharing ratios will be readily accessible via the Foster Care Group Home Rates List on the California Department of Social Services website at: <http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/PG1343.htm#Lists>.

If you have any questions regarding this ACL, please contact the Foster Care Rates Bureau at (916) 651-2752.

Sincerely,

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