

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



October 2, 2003

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 03-50

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY CHILD CARE COORDINATORS

## REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR THE 2003 REGIONAL MARKET  
RATE CEILINGS AND EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER 03-41 DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2003

This letter provides additional instructions regarding the implementation date for the 2003 Regional Market Rate (RMR) ceilings and emergency regulations as specified in All County Letter (ACL) 03-41.

The Budget Act of 2003 (Chapter 157, Statutes of 2003) required that the new RMR ceilings and emergency regulations be implemented by October 1, 2003. Taking into consideration the delayed passage of the Budget Act, ACL 03-41 instructed counties to implement the RMR changes as soon as administratively possible but no later than December 1, 2003. However, the effective date of these changes is October 1, 2003.

Counties are reminded that an overpayment in child care services might result when the RMR changes are implemented later than October 1, 2003. The Manual of Policies and Procedures, Chapter 47-440.1, provides instructions to counties on overpayments. This type of overpayment does not fit precisely into existing definitions for either parent or provider overpayment. In order to maintain consistency, this child care overpayment should be considered an overpayment to the provider. Counties must determine if it is administratively cost effective to collect overpayments.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, the 2003 RMR ceilings, or the emergency regulations, please feel free to contact Ms. Hilva Chan, Analyst, Child Care Programs Bureau, at (916) 654-2857.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed By  
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