

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

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

October 15, 2007

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 07-36

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

SUBJECT: SHARING RATIOS FOR GROUP HOME PROGRAMS

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 06-12

The purpose of this ACL is to provide current information regarding sharing ratios for group home programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08. ACL 06-12 dated July 26, 2006 previously referenced the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) switch to a biennial rate setting process. Part of this process included providing counties with updated sharing ratios on an annual basis for the Rate Classification Level (RCL).

The cost sharing ratios for FY 2007-08 are as follows:

<u>RCL</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>STATE</u>
1 through 8	91.78	8.22
9 through 12	91.37	8.63
13 and 14	91.50	8.50

Effective with the October 1, 2007 claiming month, counties must apply these state and federal 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.

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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 CDSS website at:
http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/FosterCare_1447.htm#Rates.

If you have any questions regarding this ACL, please contact the Foster Care Rates Bureau at (916) 651-9158.

Sincerely,

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c: CWDA