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February 23, 2009

ERRATA

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 08-49E

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

ALL PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES

ALL CDSS ADOPTION DISTRICT OFFICES

SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) 08-49

(ADOPTION PROVISIONS OF THE ADAM WALSH CHILD

PROTECTION AND SAFETY ACT OF 2006)

REFERENCE: ACL 08-49

The purpose of this Erratum is to address an error in the original ACL 08-49, dated October 22, 2008. The following selection, taken from page four (4) and five (5) of the ACL, should read:

Agencies Licensed as Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) and Adoption Agencies

For agencies that are dually licensed as FFAs and adoption agencies, the provisions of Senate Bill (SB) 703 must be applied as follows for each program. Any results obtained for Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), California Child Abuse Central Index (CACI) and out-of-state abuse and neglect registries must be kept separately in their respective case files.

If an individual/couple applies to become both foster and adoptive parent(s) at the same time and the criminal background checks are requested simultaneously, the following are required:

 Two separate "Request for Live Scan Service" forms to obtain CACI and California criminal history information. One for the foster care file (LIC 9163) and one for the adoption file (BCII 8016); and One out-of-state child abuse/neglect check for each state or U.S. territory in which the individual(s) have resided in the last five years. The results obtained from either program can be duplicated, but must be placed in the respective adoption or foster care file.

If an individual/couple applies after being approved separately for either foster care or adoption the following are required:

- A new live scan for FBI, CACI and California criminal history checks (LIC 9163 for foster care or BCII 8016 for adoption) and the results must be placed in separate foster care and adoption files; and
- One out-of-state child abuse/neglect check for each state or U.S. territory in which the individual(s) have resided in the last five years. A new out-of-state check is not required unless one of the following occurs:
 - The applicant has moved out of state since the previous results were obtained; or
 - The agency responsible for completing the foster care licensing or adoption approval does not provide the original results.

We apologize for any inconvenience this oversight may have caused. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Permanency Policy Bureau at (916) 657-1858, or me at (916) 657-2614.

Sincerely,

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