

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 87-113

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL GROUP HOME PROVIDERS
ALL FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES
ALL GROUP HOME CONSULTANTS AND ASSOCIATIONS

SUBJECT: 1987/88 AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN-FOSTER
CARE (AFDC-FC) COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA)

FAMILY HOMES

The Fiscal Year (FY) 1987/88 Budget Act does not provide for a COLA for AFDC-FC funded family homes. There is no COLA for family home basic rates, specialized care increments or clothing allowances. The FY 1987/88 AFDC-FC standardized basic rates for family homes consequently remain at the following prior year levels:

<u>AGE</u>	<u>1987/88 STANDARDIZED SCHEDULE</u>
0-4	\$ 294
5-8	319
9-11	340
12-14	378
15-20	412

GROUP HOMES

The 1987/88 Budget Act does not provide for a COLA for AFDC-FC funded group homes. As a result, Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Section 11-402.17(2) does not apply for FY 1987/88.

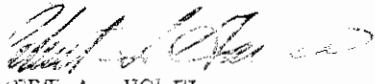
FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES

The Budget Act provides a maximum 2.6% COLA for foster family agencies (FFAs). FFAs whose existing rates are below or equal to the amount calculated by using the methodology specified in MPP Section 11-403(d) will receive a COLA increase. No COLA is available for those FFAs whose existing rates exceed the amount calculated by using the MPP Section 11-403(d) methodology.

AFDC-FC RECIPIENTS WHO ARE REGIONAL CENTER CLIENTS

The 1987/88 Budget Act does not provide for a COLA for regional center established residential rates. Therefore, the rates that were implemented on July 1, 1987 as a result of the provisions of AB 2520 (Chapter 355, Statutes of 1986) for AFDC-FC children who are also regional center clients will remain unchanged.

Questions regarding family home rates and AB 2520 rates should be referred to the Foster Care Program Bureau at (916) 445-0813 (ATSS) 485-0813. Questions regarding group home or foster family agency rates should be referred to the Foster Care Rates Bureau at (916) 323-1263 (ATSS) 473-1263.


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