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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 92-14

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY GAIN COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: GAIN CHILD CARE POLICY

The purpose of this letter is to transmit a child care policy interpretation relating to exempt child care provided under the Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program. The following child care policy has been developed by the Department of Social Services (SDSS), GAIN and Employment Service Operations Bureau (GESOB), in conjunction with members of the County Welfare Directors' Association GAIN child care workgroup.

Previously established policy held that all exempt child care providers would be reimbursed at no more than the exempt child care rate ceiling. We have determined that in before- and after-school child care programs operated by school employees and which are regulated by the California Department of Education (CDE), the county shall reimburse actual cost up to the licensed center based rate ceiling instead of the exempt rate ceiling. We have made this exception for before- and after-school care programs because these programs are regulated by CDE under Title 5, Education Regulations, Chapter 2 (General Requirements). These programs have similar health and safety requirements through Title 5 regulations as day care centers and family child care homes have as specified in Title 22 California Code of Regulations, Community Care Licensing Standards. It is our hope that counties will be able to utilize more before- and after-school child care facilities by being able to pay up to the center-based rate ceiling.

This child care policy is effective as of the receipt of this letter. If your county utilizes before- and after-school child care programs, you should contact all affected individuals and reestablish a child care reimbursement rate based on the appropriate Regional Market Rate ceiling to be effective with the next authorized payment.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this new policy on before- and after-school child care programs, please contact your GESOB Analyst at (916) 654-1462.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. J. Boyle', with a stylized flourish at the end.

DENNIS J. BOYLE
Deputy Director

cc: CWDA