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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 22-59**

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL FOSTER CARE ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISORS  
ALL SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM  
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES  
ALL ADOPTION REGIONAL AND FIELD OFFICES  
ALL GROUP HOME PROVIDERS  
ALL FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES  
ALL TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES  
ALL OUT-OF-STATE GROUP HOMES  
CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN-FOSTER CARE  
AND HOME-BASED FAMILY CARE CALIFORNIA NECESSITIES  
INDEX INCREASES AND OTHER RATE INCREASES

REFERENCE: [ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 403](#), CHAPTER 773, STATUTES OF 2015;  
[AB 1997](#), CHAPTER 612, STATUTES OF 2016; [AB 2944, CHAPTER 104](#), STATUTES OF 2020; [SENATE BILL \(SB\) 1013](#), CHAPTER 35, STATUTES OF 2012; [SB 1811](#), CHAPTER 35, STATUTES OF 2018; [SB 354](#), CHAPTER 687, STATUTES OF 2021, WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE (WIC) SECTIONS [11364](#), [11387](#), [11403.3](#), [11405](#), [11453](#), [11460](#), [11461](#), [11461\(d\)\(2\)\(A\)](#), WIC [11461.3](#), [11462](#), [11463](#), [11464](#), [18254](#), [18358.30](#); [ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) 11-63](#); [ACL 11-63E](#); [ACL 11-54](#), [ACL 12-43](#); [ACL 13-62](#); [ACL 13-62E](#); [ACL 14-44](#); [ACL 14-104](#); [ACL 15-58](#); [ACL 15-58E](#); [ACL 16-57](#); [ACL 16-79](#); [ACL 17-11](#); [ACL 17-75](#); [ACL 17-111](#); [ACL 18-06](#); [ACL 18-06E](#); [ACL 18-25](#); [ACL 18-32](#); [ACL 18-48](#); [ACL 18-89](#); [ACL 19-34](#); [ACL 19-70](#), [ACL 20-78](#); [ACL 20-121](#), [ACL 21-17](#), [ACL 21-17E](#), [ACL 21-76](#), [ACL 22-21](#), [ACL 22-33](#)

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placements and the Aid to Families with Dependant Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) program. All new rates are reflected in Attachment A.

### **COVID-19 STATIC CRITERIA**

The [ACL 21-17](#) disseminated a reminder that COVID-19 has been added to the Static Criteria list of chronic indicators. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) would like to clarify that COVID-19 as Static Criteria is permanent, can be ***used anytime during a placement***, and is ongoing past December 31, 2021, when the temporary authorization of higher rates for placements impacted by COVID-19 ended per [ACL 22-05](#).

The COVID-19 Static Rate may be paid whenever the child/youth has contracted COVID-19, tests positive, and/or is displaying continuing illness and/or side effects of COVID-19 and requires additional care and supervision for the duration of their illness. Documentation such as a positive COVID-19 test or a letter from a physician is sufficient to obtain the Static Rate.

Existing Static Criteria/Static Rate timeframes still apply wherein the child/youth can receive the Static Rate for COVID-19 up to 60 days, with an additional 60 days (not to exceed 120), upon approval. This policy only applies to a child/youth contracting COVID-19 and does not include another member of the household.

### **APPROVED RELATIVE CAREGIVER (ARC)**

In accordance with [WIC section 11461.3](#), and [SB 354 \(Chapter 687, Statutes of 2021\)](#) a relative caregiver is now eligible to receive ARC payments, if the placement is authorized by the juvenile court and the relative has been denied approval as a resource family (RF). There will be no new aid codes affiliated with this change, and counties are asked to continue using existing ARC aid codes in accordance with current practice. Please refer to [ACL 22-33](#) for further information.

### **TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT NONMINOR DEPENDENT (THP-NMD)**

The [ACL 20-121](#) notified counties and interested parties about the establishment of a THP-NMD Housing Supplement based on Fair Market Rent per county. Counties are reminded that the CNI is applied to the THP-NMD rate only and does not apply to the Housing Supplement. The THP-NMD Housing Supplement is being implemented on a phased-in basis across the state, available in CalWORKs Information Network counties on July 1, 2021, and in remaining California Statewide Automated Welfare System counties by September 1, 2022, contingent upon completion of the necessary

automation changes. The THP-NMD Housing Supplement rates are displayed below in Attachment A.

### **INNOVATIVE MODEL OF CARE (IMC)**

In addition to administering the statewide rates described in this ACL, with the passage of [AB 2944](#), the CDSS has the authority to approve alternative funding models and set individualized rates that are consistent with statewide licensing and program requirements. The [ACL 22-21](#) disseminated information regarding the new rate setting process for IMC rates and, as a reminder, rates approved under [AB 2944](#) will not be adjusted annually to reflect the CNI. The amount of an IMC rate may exceed the CDSS statewide rates, on the condition that the county pays the entire non-federal share of any additional cost that exceeds the non-federal portion of the statewide system of rates for existing AFDC-FC programs.

### **ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP)**

A separate ACL will be issued specific to AAP providing a comprehensive schedule of rates related to AAP and CNI increases, effective July 1, 2022.

### **SPECIALIZED CARE INCREMENT (SCI)**

As a reminder, all SCIs are entirely for the RF thus, any Foster Family Agency (FFA) receiving a SCI on behalf of a child/youth placed in one of their homes shall forward the entire SCI to the RF.

### **INQUIRIES**

If you have any questions regarding the rates information in this ACL, please contact [RatesPolicy@dss.ca.gov](mailto:RatesPolicy@dss.ca.gov).

**ASSISTANCE CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS AND PAYMENT QUESTIONS**

For information on claiming instructions, questions may be sent via email to [fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov](mailto:fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov). For information on payments, questions may be sent via email to [assistance.claims@dss.ca.gov](mailto:assistance.claims@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

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Children and Family Services Division

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Attachment

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**FOSTER CARE RATES TABLE**

**Effective 07/01/22**

**CNI 6.63%**

**HOME-BASED FAMILY CARE (HBFC) RATES : Resource Families (RFs), Licensed Foster Family Homes (FFHs), Relatives [including Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC)], Non-Relative Extended Family Members (NREFMs), Dual Agency Placements, Tribally Approved Homes (TAH), Guardianships established through Juvenile Court, Probate Guardianships, Kinship Guardian Assistance Payment Program and Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs) residing in a HBFC family setting.**

**BASIC LEVEL RATE: \$1,129**

**DUAL AGENCY RATES**

AGE	RATE
Birth up to 3 years.	\$1,323
Three (3) years and older. Children under 3 years are eligible but must be receiving a higher level of services per WIC section 11464.	\$2,955

**FFA AGE BASED RATES**

Age	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-20
Certified Home Rate	\$1,087	\$1,159	\$1,212	\$1,260	\$1,311
Total Rate	\$2,403	\$2,475	\$2,528	\$2,576	\$2,627

**LOCP RF RATES**

Level	Basic Level Rate	LOC 2	LOC 3	LOC 4
RF Home Rate	\$1,129	\$1,255	\$1,384	\$1,510
FFA Total Rate	\$2,445	\$2,617	\$2,792	\$3,000

**SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM (STRTP): \$15,281**

**WRAPAROUND**

RATE – FED: \$7,641

NON-FED: \$15,281

**INTENSIVE SERVICES FOSTER CARE (ISFC)**

ISFC RF RATE: \$2,946

TOTAL RATE: \$6,628

**INFANT SUPPLEMENT**

PLACEMENT TYPE	Rate
FFH/FFA/THP- NMD/WFFH/RFA & SILP RATE	\$900
STRTP	\$1,379

**REIMBURSEMENT TO FUNERAL HOME:** \$7,500

*A county shall reimburse the foster parent(s) for the cost of the funeral expenses up to the amount above for a child receiving foster care at the time of his/her death.*

**NONRELATED LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP (NRLG) & KIN-GAP**

*Rates effective based on when dependency was dismissed (Kin-GAP) or guardianship established (NRLG including Probate). NRLGs established in probate court are eligible for the Basic Level Rate only.*

Established	Age 0-4	Age 5-8	Age 9-11	Age 12-14	Age 15-20
Prior to May 1, 2011	\$657	\$714	\$765	\$842	\$924
May 1, 2011 - December 31, 2016	\$898	\$970	\$1,023	\$1,071	\$1,122

***As of April 1, 2021, NRLG (dependency) and Kin-GAP are eligible for all LOC rate levels per [ACL 21-17](#). Please refer to the [LOCP RF Rates Table](#) above.***

**THP-NMD**

Single Site Housing	Remote Site Housing	Host Family Model
\$3,923	\$3,923	\$3,121

**THP-NMD HOUSING SUPPLEMENT NMDS (NON-CUSTODIAL) BY COUNTIES  
WITH A THP-NMD PROGRAM**

County	THP-NMD Rate	Housing Supplement	Total Rate
Alameda	\$3,923	\$296	\$4,219
Alpine	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Amador	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Butte	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Calaveras	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Colusa	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Contra Costa	\$3,923	\$296	\$4,219
Del Norte	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
El Dorado	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Fresno	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Glenn	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Humboldt	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Imperial	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Inyo	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Kern	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Kings	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Lake	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Lassen	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Los Angeles	\$3,923	\$181	\$4,104
Madera	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Marin	\$3,923	\$758	\$4,681
Mariposa	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Mendocino	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Merced	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Modoc	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Mono	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Monterey	\$3,923	\$143	\$4,066
Napa	\$3,923	\$241	\$4,164
Nevada	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Orange	\$3,923	\$321	\$4,244
Placer	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Plumas	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Riverside	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Sacramento	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
San Benito	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923



County	THP-NMD Rate	Housing Supplement	Total Rate
San Bernardino	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
San Diego	\$3,923	\$149	\$4,072
San Francisco	\$3,923	\$758	\$4,681
San Joaquin	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
San Luis Obispo	\$3,923	\$104	\$4,027
San Mateo	\$3,923	\$758	\$4,681
Santa Barbara	\$3,923	\$398	\$4,321
Santa Clara	\$3,923	\$593	\$4,516
Santa Cruz	\$3,923	\$728	\$4,651
Shasta	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Sierra	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Siskiyou	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Solano	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Sonoma	\$3,923	\$178	\$4,101
Stanislaus	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Sutter	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Tehama	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Trinity	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Tulare	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Tuolumne	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Ventura	\$3,923	\$268	\$4,191
Yolo	\$3,923	\$1	\$3,924
Yuba	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923

**THP-NMD HOUSING SUPPLEMENT FOR YOUTH WHO ARE CUSTODIAL PARENTS BY COUNTIES WITH A THP-NMD PROGRAM**

County	THP-NMD Rate	Housing Supplement	Total Rate
Alameda	\$3,923	\$1,013	\$4,936
Alpine	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Amador	\$3,923	\$85	\$4,008
Butte	\$3,923	\$54	\$3,977
Calaveras	\$3,923	\$16	\$3,939
Colusa	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Contra Costa	\$3,923	\$1,013	\$4,936
Del Norte	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
El Dorado	\$3,923	\$387	\$4,310
Fresno	\$3,923	\$63	\$3,986
Glenn	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Humboldt	\$3,923	\$21	\$3,944
Imperial	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Inyo	\$3,923	\$33	\$3,956
Kern	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Kings	\$3,923	\$89	\$4,012
Lake	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Lassen	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Los Angeles	\$3,923	\$763	\$4,686
Madera	\$3,923	\$78	\$4,001
Marin	\$3,923	\$1,790	\$5,713
Mariposa	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Mendocino	\$3,923	\$113	\$4,036
Merced	\$3,923	\$73	\$3,996
Modoc	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Mono	\$3,923	\$204	\$4,127
Monterey	\$3,923	\$775	\$4,698
Napa	\$3,923	\$804	\$4,727
Nevada	\$3,923	\$152	\$4,075
Orange	\$3,923	\$1,064	\$4,987
Placer	\$3,923	\$387	\$4,310
Plumas	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Riverside	\$3,923	\$361	\$4,284
Sacramento	\$3,923	\$387	\$4,310
San Benito	\$3,923	\$412	\$4,335

County	THP-NMD Rate	Housing Supplement	Total Rate
San Bernardino	\$3,923	\$361	\$4,284
San Diego	\$3,923	\$701	\$4,624
San Francisco	\$3,923	\$1,790	\$5,713
San Joaquin	\$3,923	\$158	\$ 4,081
San Luis Obispo	\$3,923	\$602	\$4,525
San Mateo	\$3,923	\$1,797	\$5,720
Santa Barbara	\$3,923	\$1,283	\$5,206
Santa Clara	\$3,923	\$1,577	\$5,500
Santa Cruz	\$3,923	\$1,544	\$5,467
Shasta	\$3,923	\$113	\$4,036
Sierra	\$3,923	\$14	\$3,937
Siskiyou	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Solano	\$3,923	\$567	\$4,490
Sonoma	\$3,923	\$708	\$4,631
Stanislaus	\$3,923	\$160	\$4,083
Sutter	\$3,923	\$85	\$4,008
Tehama	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Trinity	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Tulare	\$3,923	\$0	\$3,923
Tuolumne	\$3,923	\$19	\$3,942
Ventura	\$3,923	\$951	\$4,874
Yolo	\$3,923	\$439	\$4,362
Yuba	\$3,923	\$85	\$4,008