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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL FOSTER CARE ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISORS  
ALL SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS  
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  
CALIFORNIA NECESSITIES INDEX 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;  
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE [\(WIC\) SECTIONS 11364](#),  
[WIC 11387](#), [WIC 11405](#), [WIC 11453](#), [WIC 11460](#), [WIC 11461](#),  
[WIC 11461\(d\)\(2\)\(A\)](#), [WIC 11462](#), [WIC 11463](#), [WIC 11464](#), [WIC 18254](#),  
[WIC 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 22-59](#)

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model claiming instructions. Lastly, this ACL provides Foster Family Agencies (FFA's) a one-time 8.8 percent increase to specified components of certain rate classifications.

### **INTENSIVE SERVICES FOSTER CARE PUBLIC MODEL CLAIMING UPDATES**

It was brought to the Department's attention that there is unclear claiming guidance regarding how a county with a Public Model ISFC can claim funding. It is important to note that the claiming instructions for FFA-based ISFCs, Public Model ISFCs, and for Family-Only based ISFCs are distinct. A Public Model ISFC county is also known as a "county-based ISFC (non-FFA)" or a "public service model ISFC program (County ISFC-Non-licensed FFA)."

The "ISFC rate" referred to in [ACL 22-59](#) and found on page five of this letter is composed of two portions: the resource family (RF) rate that is paid directly to the resource family for care and supervision, and the administrative and services activities rate that is retained by the FFA. **Therefore, only licensed FFA-based ISFCs are allowed to claim the "total ISFC rate."**

Instructions for Public Model ISFCs can be found on page three of [CFL 17/18-32](#), bullet point number 2. A county based ISFC (non-FFA), can only claim the ISFC RF rate to the main payroll on the CA 800 CCR claim. Any time spent on administrative, or services activities performed by the county should be claimed to the county expense claim (CEC) using the appropriate program code(s).

The Department recognizes that the most recent rate guidance issued in [ACL 22-59](#) regarding the ISFC program did not specify that only FFA-based ISFCs are eligible to draw down the "total rate," nor did the ACL refer back to the ISFC claiming guidance released in [CFL 17/18-32](#) and [CFL 17/18-32E](#). Counties operating a public model ISFC must discontinue claiming the "total ISFC rate" and adhere to the claiming instructions in [CFL 17/18-32](#) and [CFL 17/18-32E](#) by claiming only the ISFC Resource Family (RF) Rate. If a county has incorrectly claimed the "Total ISFC rate" please contact [fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov](mailto:fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov), to determine next steps and to identify recoupment requirements.

Lastly, should county child welfare agencies choose to utilize the Family-Only rate referenced in [ACL 17-11](#), they must also adhere to the claiming instructions in bullet point 3 of page three of [CFL 17/18-32](#) and [CFL 17/18-32E](#).

### **FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES**

Effective July 1, 2023, Foster Family Agencies (FFA's) will receive a one-time 8.8 percent increase to all components of the rate *except for the rate paid to a certified family home or RF*. This increase is reflected in the [FFA age based](#) and [LOCP RF](#) rates tables below. As a reminder, the CNI is only applied to the RF portion of the rate and the \$50 per child increase in the FFA rate effective July 1, 2021, per [WIC section 11463\(g\)](#) was enacted to provide an increase in pay designated specifically for FFA social workers.

### **ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

A separate ACL will be issued specific to Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) providing a comprehensive schedule of rates related to AAP and CNI increases, effective July 1, 2023.

### **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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Deputy Director  
Children and Family Services Division

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**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**FOSTER CARE RATES TABLE**  
Effective 07/01/23  
CNI 6.85%

**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: \$1,206**

**DUAL AGENCY RATES**

AGE	RATE
Birth up to 3 years.	\$1,414
Three (3) years and older. Children under 3 years are eligible but must be receiving a higher level of services per WIC section 11464.	\$3,157

**FFA AGE BASED RATES**

Age	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-21
Certified Home Rate	\$1,149	\$1,225	\$1,282	\$1,333	\$1,388
Total Rate	\$2,581	\$2,657	\$2,714	\$2,765	\$2,820

**LOCP RF AND FFA RATES**

Level	Basic Level Rate	LOC 2	LOC 3	LOC 4
RF Home Rate	\$1,206	\$1,341	\$1,479	\$1,613
FFA Total Rate	\$2,638	\$2,823	\$3,011	\$3,235

**SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM (STRTP): \$16,328**

**WRAPAROUND**

RATE – FED: \$8,164  
NON/FED: \$16,328

**INTENSIVE SERVICES FOSTER CARE (ISFC)**

ISFC RF RATE: \$3,148  
FFA TOTAL RATE: \$6,830

**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 & KINGAP**

*Rates effective based on when dependency was dismissed (KinGAP) 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	\$702	\$763	\$817	\$900	\$987
May 1, 2011 - December 31, 2016	\$960	\$1,036	\$1,093	\$1,144	\$1,199

**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
\$4,192	\$4,192	\$3,335

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

County	THP-NMD Rate	Housing Supplement	Total Rate
Alameda	\$4,192	\$304	\$4,496
Alpine	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Amador	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Butte	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Calaveras	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Colusa	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Contra Costa	\$4,192	\$304	\$4,496
Del Norte	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
El Dorado	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Fresno	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Glenn	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Humboldt	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Imperial	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Inyo	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Kern	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Kings	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Lake	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Lassen	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Los Angeles	\$4,192	\$212	\$4,404
Madera	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Marin	\$4,192	\$695	\$4,887
Mariposa	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Mendocino	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Merced	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Modoc	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Mono	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Monterey	\$4,192	\$439	\$4,631
Napa	\$4,192	\$295	\$4,487
Nevada	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Orange	\$4,192	\$371	\$4,563

County	THP-NMD Rate	Housing Supplement	Total Rate
Placer	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Plumas	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Riverside	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Sacramento	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
San Benito	\$4,192	\$179	\$4,371
San Bernardino	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
San Diego	\$4,192	\$301	\$4,493
San Francisco	\$4,192	\$695	\$4,887
San Joaquin	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
San Luis Obispo	\$4,192	\$129	\$4,321
San Mateo	\$4,192	\$695	\$4,887
Santa Barbara	\$4,192	\$435	\$4,627
Santa Clara	\$4,192	\$572	\$4,764
Santa Cruz	\$4,192	\$748	\$4,940
Shasta	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Sierra	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Siskiyou	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Solano	\$4,192	\$83	\$4,275
Sonoma	\$4,192	\$227	\$4,419
Stanislaus	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Sutter	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Tehama	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Trinity	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Tulare	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Tuolumne	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Ventura	\$4,192	\$314	\$4,506
Yolo	\$4,192	\$27	\$4,219
Yuba	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192



**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	\$4,192	\$1,070	\$5,262
Alpine	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Amador	\$4,192	\$99	\$4,291
Butte	\$4,192	\$42	\$4,234
Calaveras	\$4,192	\$26	\$4,218
Colusa	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Contra Costa	\$4,192	\$1,070	\$5,262
Del Norte	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
El Dorado	\$4,192	\$501	\$4,693
Fresno	\$4,192	\$98	\$4,290
Glenn	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Humboldt	\$4,192	\$8	\$4,200
Imperial	\$4,192	\$5	\$4,197
Inyo	\$4,192	\$62	\$4,254
Kern	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Kings	\$4,192	\$137	\$4,329
Lake	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Lassen	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Los Angeles	\$4,192	\$848	\$5,040
Madera	\$4,192	\$74	\$4,266
Marin	\$4,192	\$1,756	\$5,948
Mariposa	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Mendocino	\$4,192	\$96	\$4,288
Merced	\$4,192	\$118	\$4,310
Modoc	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Mono	\$4,192	\$238	\$4,430
Monterey	\$4,192	\$1,295	\$5,487
Napa	\$4,192	\$995	\$5,187
Nevada	\$4,192	\$155	\$4,347
Orange	\$4,192	\$1,214	\$5,406
Placer	\$4,192	\$501	\$4,693
Plumas	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Riverside	\$4,192	\$499	\$4,691
Sacramento	\$4,192	\$501	\$4,693
San Benito	\$4,192	\$738	\$4,930
San Bernardino	\$4,192	\$499	\$4,691

County	THP-NMD Rate	Housing Supplement	Total Rate
San Diego	\$4,192	\$986	\$5,178
San Francisco	\$4,192	\$1,766	\$5,958
San Joaquin	\$4,192	\$259	\$4,451
San Luis Obispo	\$4,192	\$662	\$4,854
San Mateo	\$4,192	\$1,766	\$5,958
Santa Barbara	\$4,192	\$1,451	\$5,643
Santa Clara	\$4,192	\$1,614	\$5,806
Santa Cruz	\$4,192	\$1,603	\$5,795
Shasta	\$4,192	\$118	\$4,310
Sierra	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Siskiyou	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Solano	\$4,192	\$721	\$4,913
Sonoma	\$4,192	\$812	\$5,004
Stanislaus	\$4,192	\$173	\$4,365
Sutter	\$4,192	\$111	\$4,303
Tehama	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Trinity	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Tulare	\$4,192	\$0	\$4,192
Tuolumne	\$4,192	\$3	\$4,195
Ventura	\$4,192	\$1,102	\$5,294
Yolo	\$4,192	\$507	\$4,699
Yuba	\$4,192	\$111	\$4,303