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- State Law Change
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- Initiated by CDSS

July 1, 2013

ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 13-04

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EDUCATION TRAVEL SURVEY TOOL

REFERENCE: WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE (W&IC) SECTION 11460(B)
ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 11-51,
DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

Public Law (PL) 110-351 amended Title IV-E of the Social Security Act to require that a case plan includes a plan for ensuring the educational stability of the child while in foster care. It also provided for the cost of reasonable travel for the child to remain in the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of placement as an allowable foster care maintenance cost. W&IC section 11460(b) was amended to include the cost of reimbursement for educational travel as part of the foster care maintenance payment.

PL 112-34 further amended Title IV-E to ensure this educational stability at the time of each placement.

In ACL No.11-51, the County Welfare Director's Association (CWDA) and California Department of Social Services (CDSS) agreed to develop a survey tool to capture relevant educational travel data, including the number of children in grades K-12 receiving an educational travel reimbursement and the amount they receive for transportation expenses to their school of origin.

This ACL transmits a Microsoft Word version of the survey tool (see attachment). However, to facilitate data consolidation, the county welfare departments are expected to complete the survey in an Excel format. The CDSS is requesting educational travel information for the month of October 2012 **only**, as identified in the survey tool. Please request the Excel survey tool via e-mail from aleta.prudhomme@dss.ca.gov and return the completed survey to the same address no later than August 30, 2013. In the future,

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educational travel data will be obtained by CDSS from the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System.

Inquiries

Any questions regarding this letter can be directed to the Foster Care Rates Bureau consultant at (916) 651-9152.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

GREGORY E. ROSE
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Attachment

c: CWDA

Survey Tool*

Reporting County:

Has _____ County implemented reimbursement for the costs of educational travel, as required in W&IC section 11460(b)? YES NO

Survey Month: October 2012

Contact Name:

Contact Phone:

E-mail Address:

MILEAGE

	4-8 Miles \$58.00	9-13 Miles \$154.00	14-18 Miles \$250.00	19-23 Miles \$347.00	24+ Miles \$443.00	Total
Number of Individual Foster Youth Transported						
Total \$ Amount for Each Rate	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

BUS PASS

	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$75.00	Total
Number of Passes				
Total Cost of Passes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

In ACL No. 11-51, the County Welfare Directors Association and California Department of Social Services agreed to develop/utilize this survey tool to capture relevant educational travel data, including the number of individual children in grades K-12 receiving an educational travel reimbursement and the amount they receive for transportation expenses to their school of origin.

The information identified above is the collection of minimal baseline information and the survey tool only reflects data for the month of October 2012. Please return this completed survey tool by August 30, 2013 to aleta.prudhomme@dss.ca.gov.