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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 16/17-25

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FINAL APPROVED RELATIVE CAREGIVER FUNDING OPTION
PROGRAM GENERAL FUND BASE CASELOAD AND FUNDING
AMOUNTS AND FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 ARC ALLOCATION

REFERENCE: [ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 16-64, DATED AUGUST 16, 2016;](#)
[ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 16-57, DATED JULY 1, 2016;](#)
[ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 14-44, DATED JULY 28, 2014;](#)
[COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 15/16-24,](#)
[DATED OCTOBER 2, 2015;](#)
[COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 14/15-52, DATED MARCH 20, 2015;](#)
[SENATE BILL 79 \(CHAPTER 20, STATUTES OF 2015\);](#)
[SENATE BILL 855 \(CHAPTER 25, STATUTES OF 2014\);](#)
[WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE, SECTION 11461.3](#)

This letter informs counties of the final base caseload and funding amounts and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 allocation for the Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) Funding Option Program. A total of \$29.1 million General Fund (GF) is available based on the Budget Act of 2016.

The enclosed attachment displays the county specific allocation for the counties that have opted into the ARC program. A forthcoming County Fiscal Letter (CFL) will be provided to revise the allocation for counties that have not opted into the ARC Program effective January 1, 2017. Allocations for counties that have opted into the ARC Program will not be impacted. An All County Letter (ACL) with additional details, including information for counties that have not opted into the ARC Program, is forthcoming. In consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association, the funds were distributed as follows:

- The base distribution was calculated based on the county specific ARC caseload submitted by counties, as outlined in [CFL No. 15/16-24](#), dated October 2, 2015. For those counties who did not submit an ARC caseload, the California Department of Social Services used a Child Welfare Services/Case Management System and Medi-Cal

Eligibility Determination System data match from July 2014 to develop the base caseload.

- The FY 2015-16 base ARC allocation distribution was calculated by multiplying the eligible caseload to the Foster Care basic rates and the regional California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) levels in effect July 1, 2014, as outlined in [ACL No. 14-44](#), dated July 28, 2014.
- This ARC allocation distribution takes into consideration the FY 2016-17 California Necessities Index (CNI) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) provided to the foster family home basic rate, as described in [ACL No. 16-57](#), dated July 1, 2016 and the CalWORKs MAP increase effective October 1, 2016, as described in [ACL No. 16-64](#), dated August 16, 2016.
- A minimum ARC GF base of \$10,413 is distributed to participating counties where the calculated methodology for the ARC county GF fund level is below \$10,413. In addition, these counties receive the annual CNI COLA adjustments.
- The increase of \$1.2 million for FY 2016-17 is distributed using a percent to total of each county's base ARC allocation distribution.

Appropriate adjustments will be made during the year-end closeout to redistribute county specific unspent funds to those counties who overmatch their allocation.

As a reminder, funding for this allocation is for the base ARC program and any funding increases from other policy changes that also affect ARC cases, including those related to Continuum of Care Reform, will be addressed in the separate CFL corresponding to that policy change.

Assistance Claiming:

Please refer to [CFL No. 14/15-52](#), dated for March 20, 2015, for claiming instructions.

Any questions concerning the FY 2016-17 ARC GF allocation should be directed to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov. Any general questions related to the ARC Program can be directed to ARCFO@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

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Attachment

FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 APPROVED RELATIVE CAREGIVER (ARC) GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION

COUNTY	TOTAL ARC ELIGIBLE CASE LOAD	FY2015-16 BASE ALLOCATION	FY2016-17 COLA INCREASE	FY2016-17 TOTAL ARC ALLOCATION
Alameda	52	\$263,487	\$11,648	\$275,135
Alpine	0	\$10,413	\$460	\$10,873
Amador	0	\$10,413	\$460	\$10,873
Butte	15	\$75,716	\$3,347	\$79,063
Calaveras	6	\$30,172	\$1,334	\$31,506
Colusa	4	\$18,691	\$826	\$19,517
Contra Costa	84	\$399,310	\$17,653	\$416,963
Del Norte*	*	*	*	*
El Dorado	19	\$95,590	\$4,226	\$99,816
Fresno	110	\$536,490	\$23,717	\$560,207
Glenn	8	\$39,262	\$1,736	\$40,998
Humboldt	13	\$71,632	\$3,167	\$74,799
Imperial*	*	*	*	*
Inyo	0	\$10,413	\$460	\$10,873
Kern	155	\$742,889	\$32,841	\$775,730
Kings	18	\$84,575	\$3,739	\$88,314
Lake	4	\$17,508	\$774	\$18,282
Lassen*	*	*	*	*
Los Angeles	3431	\$16,076,678	\$710,713	\$16,787,391
Madera	13	\$64,994	\$2,873	\$67,867
Marin	7	\$42,654	\$1,886	\$44,540
Mariposa	4	\$28,121	\$1,243	\$29,364
Mendocino	10	\$53,084	\$2,347	\$55,431
Merced	33	\$152,995	\$6,762	\$159,717
Modoc*	*	*	*	*
Mono	0	\$10,413	\$460	\$10,873
Monterey	60	\$329,328	\$14,559	\$343,887
Napa	8	\$42,315	\$1,871	\$44,186
Nevada	0	\$10,413	\$460	\$10,873
Orange	249	\$1,180,396	\$52,182	\$1,232,578
Placer	29	\$152,939	\$6,761	\$159,700
Plumas	4	\$22,464	\$993	\$23,457
Riverside	341	\$1,667,703	\$73,725	\$1,741,428
Sacramento	101	\$505,828	\$22,361	\$528,189
San Benito	3	\$18,511	\$818	\$19,329
San Bernardino*	*	*	*	*
San Diego	424	\$2,116,060	\$93,546	\$2,209,606
San Francisco	20	\$101,934	\$4,506	\$106,440
San Joaquin	66	\$361,855	\$15,997	\$377,852
San Luis Obispo	25	\$120,238	\$5,315	\$125,553
San Mateo	26	\$129,134	\$5,709	\$134,843
Santa Barbara	41	\$201,482	\$8,907	\$210,389
Santa Clara	91	\$426,963	\$18,875	\$445,838
Santa Cruz	33	\$156,177	\$6,904	\$163,081
Shasta	17	\$84,375	\$3,730	\$88,105
Sierra*	*	*	*	*
Siskiyou*	*	*	*	*
Solano	41	\$195,317	\$8,634	\$203,951
Sonoma	27	\$138,844	\$6,138	\$144,982
Stanislaus	15	\$93,179	\$4,119	\$97,298
Sutter*	*	*	*	*
Tehama	4	\$21,306	\$942	\$22,248
Trinity	7	\$36,703	\$1,623	\$38,326
Tulare	78	\$386,903	\$17,104	\$404,007
Tuolumne*	*	*	*	*
Ventura	90	\$419,742	\$18,556	\$438,298
Yolo	22	\$111,485	\$4,928	\$116,413
Yuba	7	\$37,662	\$1,665	\$39,327
Total	5815	\$27,904,716	\$1,233,600	\$29,138,316

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