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ERRATA

ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 15-58E

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
 ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
 ALL LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS  
 ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES  
 ALL ADOPTION DISTRICT OFFICES  
 ALL GROUP HOME PROVIDERS  
 ALL FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES  
 ALL TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES

SUBJECT: AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN-FOSTER CARE (AFDC-FC) CALIFORNIA NECESSITIES INDEX (CNI) INCREASES AND OTHER RATE INCREASES

REFERENCE: SENATE BILL (SB) 79, CHAPTER 20, STATUTES OF 2015; SB 1013, CHAPTER 35, STATUTES OF 2012; WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE (WIC) SECTIONS 11364, 11387, 11453, 11460, 11461, 11461(d)(2)(A), 11462, 11463, 11464, 18254, 18358.30;  
[ACL NO. 11-63](#); [ACL NO. 11-63E](#); [ACL NO. 11-54](#); [ACL NO. 12-43](#);  
[ACL NO. 13-62](#); [ACL NO. 13-62E](#); [ACL NO.14-44](#); [ACL NO.14-104](#);  
[ACL NO. 15-58](#)

The purpose of this erratum is to add the CNI increase that is applicable to the Intensive Treatment Foster Care/Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care (ITFC/MTFC) rates for fiscal year (FY) 2015-16. In addition, we are clarifying the increased amount displayed in the social work portion of the Foster Family Agency (FFA) rate.

Intensive Treatment Foster Care/Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care

SB 79, Chapter 20, Statutes of 2015, extended the interim rates through December 31, 2016. Effective July 1, 2015, the 2.54 percent CNI increase applies to the minimum reimbursement rate which results in a corresponding increase to the standard rate.

**Table A**

| Service and Rate Level | In-Home Support Counselor Hours per Month | Standard Rate | Minimum Reimbursement to Certified Home |
|------------------------|---|---------------|---|
| Level I                | 81-114 Hours                              | \$5,741       | \$2,259                                 |
| Level II               | 47-80 Hours                               | \$4,958       | \$2,259                                 |
| Level III              | Less than 47 Hours                        | \$4,194       | \$2,259                                 |

Additionally, children may not be placed at a Rate Level I or II for more than six months unless it is determined to be in the best interest of the child by the child's county interagency review team or the county placing agency, FFA and the child's certified foster parents. Extensions may be granted in six month increments.

Foster Family Agencies

Effective July 1, 2015, the 2.54 percent CNI increase applies to the FFA basic portion of the rates only and does not change the remaining components of the FFA treatment program rate as outlined in the Manual of Policies and Procedures section 11-403. As required by regulation, a minimum of the basic rate and the child increment are to be passed on to the FFA certified home for each child each month. The social work portion received a 15 percent increase for FY 2015-16 which is consistent with the Continuum of Care Reform recommended changes. The FY 2015-16 FFA rates are reflected in Table B and Table C.

**Table B**

FFA Treatment Program Rates

| Age  | Birth-4 | 5-8     | 9-11    | 12-14   | 15-21   |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Basic Rate                                 | \$688   | \$744   | \$783   | \$820   | \$859   |
| Child Increment                            | \$189   | \$189   | \$189   | \$189   | \$189   |
| <b>Minimum Total to FFA Certified Home</b> | \$877   | \$933   | \$972   | \$1,009 | \$1,048 |
| Social Work                                | \$340   | \$340   | \$340   | \$340   | \$340   |
| Administration                             | \$572   | \$593   | \$611   | \$643   | \$672   |
| <b>Total</b>                               | \$1,789 | \$1,866 | \$1,923 | \$1,992 | \$2,060 |

**Table C**

FFA Non-Treatment Program Rates

| Age        | Birth-4 | 5-8   | 9-11  | 12-14 | 15-21 |
|------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Basic Rate | \$688   | \$744 | \$783 | \$820 | \$859 |

**Inquiries**

Should you have any questions regarding the rates information in this ACL, please contact Kelli Walker of the Foster Care Rates Bureau at (916) 651-9152.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

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