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- Initiated by CDSS

November 14, 2008

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 08-48

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
 ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
 ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES  
 ALL GROUP HOME PROVIDERS  
 ALL FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES  
 ALL LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS  
 ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: SHARING RATIOS FOR GROUP HOME PROGRAMS  
 FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 07-36  
 AND ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 06-12

The purpose of this All County Letter (ACL) is to provide current information regarding sharing ratios for group home programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09. The ACL 06-12 dated July 26, 2006, previously referenced the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) switch to a biennial rate setting process. Part of this process included providing counties with updated sharing ratios on an annual basis. Additionally, ACL 07-36 established the sharing ratios for group home programs for FY 2007-08.

The cost sharing ratios for FY 2008-09 are as follows:

<u>RCL</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>STATE</u>
1 through 8	93.79	6.21
9 through 12	91.27	8.73
13 and 14	93.50	6.50

Effective October 1, 2008, counties must apply these state and federal cost sharing ratios to all Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care rates paid to group homes according to the Rate Classification Level (RCL) of the group home placement.

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Additionally, the cost sharing ratios identified above are for all group home providers for the period identified.

The cost sharing ratios will be recalculated every year to ensure that cost sharing ratios within the groupings are calculated using recent audited cost data representing a majority of all group home providers. The cost sharing ratios will be readily accessible via the Foster Care Group Home Rates List on the CDSS website at <http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/PG1343.htm#Lists>.

If you have any questions regarding this ACL, please contact me at (916) 657-2614 or the Foster Care Rates Bureau at (916) 324-4857.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

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c: CWDA