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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 16/17-70

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY CHILD WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 POST 2011 REALIGNMENT CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 15-77, DATED OCTOBER 14, 2015
COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 15/16-49, DATED APRIL 19,2016;
COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 15/16-44, DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2016;
COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 15/16-32, DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2015;
SENATE BILL (SB) 1013 (CHAPTER 35, STATUTES OF 2012)

This letter informs counties of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 Post 2011 Realignment Child Welfare Services (CWS) program allocations. The allocations include all CWS Post 2011 Realignment activities resulting from new legislation, regulations, executive orders or administrative directives, plans or waivers (including amendments to plans or waivers) and judicial and administrative proceedings, both federal and state, which have the overall effect of increasing costs borne by the child welfare agency.

Background

The Budget Act of 2016 includes costs for several state and federally required activities since the passage of 2011 Realignment. In consultation with CWDA, Attachment I provides the county-specific allocation distribution for the following premises:

- CWS Case Record Reviews
- CWS Case Record Reviews (2015-16 Rollover funds)
- After 18 Supervised Independent Living Placement Parenting Support Plan

- After 18 Terminated Guardianship and Adoption
- Sibling Visitations
- Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (Strengthening Families Act)
- Case Plans (Strengthening Families Act)
- Notification of Relatives (Strengthening Families Act)
- Pregnant Minors and Non-Minor Dependents (Strengthening Families Act)
- Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard (Strengthening Families Act)
- Family Reunification (FR) Extension for Dependent Parents*
- Child Near Fatality and Fatality Reporting*

*New allocations

Attachment II provides the premise description, allocation methodology and claiming instructions.

State Responsibility – Proposition 30

As stated in Proposition 30 (The Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012) – California Constitution Article XIII Section 36 (c)(4)(A) and (B) "(A) Legislation enacted after September 30, 2012, that has an overall effect of increasing the costs already borne by a local agency for programs or levels of service mandated by the 2011 Realignment Legislation shall apply to local agencies only to the extent that the state provides annual funding for the cost increase. Local agencies shall not be obligated to provide programs or levels of service required by legislation, described in this subparagraph, above the level for which funding has been provided. (B) Regulations, executive orders, or administrative directives, implemented after October 9, 2011, that are not necessary to implement the 2011 Realignment Legislation, and that have an overall effect of increasing the costs already borne by a local agency for programs or levels of service mandated by the 2011 Realignment Legislation, shall apply to local agencies only to the extent that the State provides annual funding for the cost increase. Local agencies shall not be obligated to provide programs or levels of service pursuant to new regulations, executive orders, or administrative directives, described in this subparagraph, above the level for which funding has been provided." Therefore, all new costs imposed by the state will be funded up to the amount in the 2016 Budget Act, and counties are not obligated to provide services beyond that point.

In addition, as stated in the California Constitution Article XIII Section 36 (5)(A), "…if there are subsequent changes in federal statutes or regulations that alter the conditions under which federal matching funds as described in the 2011 Realignment Legislation are obtained, and have the overall effect of increasing the costs incurred by a local agency, the State shall annually provide at least 50 percent of the nonfederal share of those costs as determined by the State." Therefore, the nonfederal portion of costs associated with any federally mandated programs/activities implemented by new

legislation after the passage of Senate Bill 1013 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2012) is funded at 50 percent General Fund (GF) and 50 percent county funds, up to each county's FY 2016-17 Post 2011 Realignment CWS allocation.

Post 2011 Realignment Claiming

The CDSS has collaborated with the CWDA to establish a claiming structure for the CWS programs and premises established in FY 2016-17. Post 2011 Realignment claiming to the County Expense Claim is performed in one of the following methods:

1. Legislation requiring additional state funding for new caseworker activities will be claimed to existing Program Codes (PCs). If applicable, a State Use Only (SUO) code will be established to account for the state portion of the newly required activities.
2. If needed, new PCs will be created for counties to claim newly required activities.

The CDSS will assess which of the above methods is appropriate and will collaborate with CWDA to determine funding methodologies, consistent with the CWS program and premises established in FY 2016-17.

For the After 18 Terminated Guardianship and Adoption, After 18 Supervised Independent Living Placement Infant Payment, Sibling Visitations, Strengthening Families, FR Extension for Dependent Parents and Child Near Fatality and Fatality Reporting premises, a percentage of costs claimed to the existing PCs will shift to the new Post 2011 Realignment CWS Programs ledger, via State Use Only (SUO) codes 937 (SUO-REDUCE GF% FOR POST 2011) and 938 (SUO-Move GF% TO POST 2011) to access the GF. Detailed information regarding these activities and the rest of the Post 2011 Realignment CWS activities can be found in Attachment II.

The SUO code 937 will reduce the state share of expenditures claimed to existing PCs for programs and premises allotting additional caseworker time based upon percentages established in conjunction with CWDA. The SUO code 938 will shift the reduced state share of expenditures to Ledger 163 - Post 2011 Realignment CWS (formerly CWS Case Reviews). The percentages were derived based on a percent-to-total of the estimated additional time for the new activities based on caseload projections to the total time study hours claimed in the June 2015 through March 2016 quarters.

Title IV-E California Well-Being Project

For counties participating in the Title IV-E California Well-Being Project (Project), the Title IV-E funding for these activities which are tracked within the Project was not

included in the federal Project base. However, these costs will be tracked against each county's federal capped allocation, with the exception of After 18 activities. Only the GF amount will be provided to participating counties for these activities. Activities that are Title IV-E eligible are drawn from the capped allocation; however, the federal allocation cannot be increased unless the capped amount is renegotiated due to the trigger provisions in the Project Terms and Conditions section 4.2.2.3.

Please direct any questions regarding this CFL to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 POST 2011 REALIGNMENT CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM GENERAL FUND ALLOCATIONS

County	Case Record Reviews	FY 2015-16 Case Record Reviews Unspent Funds	Total FY 2016-17 Case Record Reviews Allocation**	After 18 Supervised Independent Living Placement Parenting Support Plan	After 18 Terminated Guardianship and Adoption	Sibling Visitation	Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement	Case Plans	Notification of Relatives	Pregnant Minors and Non-Minor Dependents	Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard	Family Reunification Extension for Dependent Parents	Child Near Fatality and Fatality Reporting	Total FY 2016-17 Post 2011 Realignment GF Allocation
							SF***	SF***	SF***	SF***	SF***			
Alameda*	$174,250	$122,242	$296,492	$525	$3,497	$278,739	$82,072	$11,973	$10,922	$171	$16,766	$576	$4,597	$706,330
Alpine	$42,593	$40,486	$83,079	$0	$0	$623	$1,171	$1,000	$500	$14	$1,000	$1	$0	$87,388
Amador	$42,593	$8,094	$50,687	$0	$110	$9,867	$2,677	$1,000	$500	$14	$1,000	$24	$192	$66,071
Butte*	$130,688	$73,530	$204,218	$105	$8,961	$59,941	$25,320	$1,657	$2,754	$39	$5,864	$178	$1,507	$310,544
Calaveras	$85,186	$52,208	$137,394	$0	$110	$16,094	$6,525	$1,000	$500	$14	$2,073	$46	$394	$164,150
Colusa	$42,593	$0	$42,593	$0	$0	$3,353	$3,346	$1,000	$500	$14	$1,000	$18	$102	$51,926
Contra Costa	$170,372	$7,105	$177,477	$105	$983	$148,914	$53,537	$4,918	$5,550	$98	$11,607	$456	$2,936	$406,581
Del Norte	$85,186	$80,973	$166,159	$0	$1,967	$10,538	$4,517	$1,000	$500	$14	$1,931	$40	$292	$186,958
El Dorado	$127,779	$104,281	$232,060	$0	$1,311	$26,823	$14,053	$945	$500	$28	$4,148	$135	$776	$280,779
Fresno	$170,372	$0	$170,372	$1,155	$1,311	$211,517	$96,199	$5,135	$6,971	$112	$22,859	$939	$5,667	$522,237
Glenn	$85,186	$61,882	$147,068	$0	$765	$9,771	$3,681	$1,000	$500	$14	$1,922	$40	$204	$164,965
Humboldt	$127,779	$78,871	$206,650	$315	$0	$35,971	$16,730	$1,000	$1,747	$28	$3,980	$128	$1,069	$267,618
Imperial	$127,779	$34,680	$162,459	$420	$0	$41,337	$16,061	$852	$1,798	$28	$4,738	$161	$1,081	$228,935
Inyo	$42,593	$37,730	$80,323	$105	$110	$2,203	$1,171	$1,000	$500	$14	$1,000	$10	$0	$86,436
Kern	$170,372	$30,301	$200,673	$3,044	$765	$230,533	$89,507	$5,321	$8,054	$98	$18,891	$768	$4,701	$562,355
Kings	$127,779	$87,147	$214,926	$105	$218	$42,150	$24,259	$1,034	$1,818	$28	$4,585	$154	$1,462	$290,739
Lake*	$87,124	$60,783	$147,907	$0	$328	$14,663	$10,128	$1,000	$500	$13	$2,550	$57	$507	$177,653
Lassen	$42,593	$38,404	$80,997	$0	$0	$11,639	$5,354	$1,000	$500	$14	$1,000	$24	$292	$100,820
Los Angeles*	$174,250	$65,008	$239,258	$10,911	$16,173	$2,297,019	$895,279	$75,423	$82,164	$1,199	$289,037	$10,524	$50,269	$3,967,256
Madera	$127,779	$81,040	$208,819	$210	$656	$37,744	$17,399	$1,000	$1,665	$28	$4,146	$135	$1,081	$272,883
Marin	$85,186	$40,897	$126,083	$0	$437	$8,478	$4,183	$1,000	$500	$14	$2,184	$51	$204	$143,134
Mariposa	$42,593	$36,842	$79,435	$0	$0	$2,922	$1,673	$1,000	$500	$14	$1,000	$7	$0	$86,551
Mendocino	$127,779	$101,327	$229,106	$420	$1,421	$36,307	$16,396	$844	$1,625	$28	$3,050	$88	$877	$290,162
Merced	$127,779	$48,493	$176,272	$945	$875	$79,462	$29,780	$1,812	$3,025	$56	$7,719	$289	$1,564	$301,799
Modoc	$42,593	$38,953	$81,546	$0	$0	$1,341	$1,171	$1,000	$500	$14	$1,000	$8	$0	$86,580
Mono	$42,593	$22,055	$64,648	$0	$0	$1,149	$1,171	$1,000	$500	$14	$1,000	$8	$0	$69,490
Monterey	$127,779	$80,857	$208,636	$0	$437	$49,718	$21,582	$1,340	$1,921	$28	$4,502	$150	$1,271	$289,585
Napa	$85,186	$50,967	$136,153	$105	$437	$20,213	$6,357	$1,000	$500	$14	$2,329	$57	$394	$167,559
Nevada	$85,186	$52,518	$137,704	$105	$218	$8,908	$4,852	$1,000	$500	$14	$1,945	$41	$292	$155,579
Orange	$170,373	$46,949	$217,322	$3,464	$1,421	$243,322	$100,549	$7,582	$8,054	$154	$25,558	$1,055	$5,375	$613,856
Placer	$127,779	$68,495	$196,274	$105	$218	$39,325	$15,057	$1,057	$1,615	$28	$4,662	$157	$788	$259,286
Plumas	$42,593	$33,684	$76,277	$105	$110	$4,550	$2,677	$1,000	$500	$14	$1,000	$19	$102	$86,354
Riverside	$170,372	$103,338	$273,710	$525	$3,388	$462,645	$197,918	$10,957	$14,505	$224	$50,079	$2,108	$11,727	$1,027,786
Sacramento*	$174,250	$110,197	$284,447	$5,038	$3,169	$354,847	$113,678	$11,834	$14,073	$171	$32,160	$1,139	$6,497	$827,053
San Benito	$85,186	$73,409	$158,595	$0	$0	$8,429	$4,517	$1,000	$500	$14	$1,000	$35	$204	$174,294
San Bernardino	$170,372	$80,050	$250,422	$945	$3,169	$420,831	$260,489	$10,398	$13,371	$236	$48,136	$2,024	$15,448	$1,025,469
San Diego*	$174,250	$0	$174,250	$1,889	$2,513	$378,993	$142,840	$11,691	$14,594	$171	$49,447	$1,771	$7,991	$786,150
San Francisco*	$174,250	$160,407	$334,657	$630	$8,196	$143,041	$53,609	$5,779	$5,832	$92	$9,992	$329	$2,703	$564,860
San Joaquin	$170,372	$21,192	$191,564	$1,049	$0	$176,312	$71,271	$4,903	$6,031	$98	$13,731	$547	$3,913	$469,419
San Luis Obispo	$127,779	$14,722	$142,501	$525	$218	$38,176	$21,582	$1,321	$1,706	$28	$4,525	$151	$1,081	$211,814
San Mateo	$127,779	$98,049	$225,828	$420	$110	$38,271	$11,878	$1,541	$1,778	$42	$5,695	$202	$585	$286,350
Santa Barbara	$127,779	$16,776	$144,555	$315	$437	$69,692	$22,084	$1,793	$2,841	$42	$5,878	$209	$1,169	$249,015
Santa Clara*	$174,250	$137,929	$312,179	$420	$765	$171,931	$75,436	$6,013	$7,286	$105	$19,360	$671	$4,198	$598,364
Santa Cruz	$127,779	$42,836	$170,615	$315	$765	$29,744	$11,878	$1,030	$1,410	$28	$3,900	$125	$687	$220,497
Shasta	$127,779	$78,905	$206,684	$0	$218	$64,807	$32,289	$1,196	$2,565	$28	$6,031	$216	$1,564	$315,598
Sierra	$42,593	$38,812	$81,405	$0	$0	$623	$1,171	$1,000	$500	$14	$1,000	$1	$0	$85,714
Siskiyou	$85,186	$57,850	$143,036	$0	$437	$12,166	$6,023	$1,000	$500	$14	$2,194	$51	$292	$165,713
Solano	$127,779	$3,565	$131,344	$315	$328	$59,968	$23,590	$1,220	$2,555	$28	$5,632	$199	$1,360	$226,539
Sonoma*	$130,688	$0	$130,688	$210	$547	$60,826	$28,638	$2,630	$2,875	$39	$6,824	$213	$1,404	$234,894
Stanislaus	$170,372	$113,917	$284,289	$315	$328	$96,227	$36,639	$2,227	$3,434	$42	$9,721	$375	$1,957	$435,554
Sutter	$85,186	$53,556	$138,742	$0	$0	$14,896	$7,529	$1,000	$500	$14	$2,265	$54	$394	$165,394
Tehama	$85,186	$68,234	$153,420	$105	$0	$23,997	$12,548	$1,000	$500	$14	$2,677	$72	$788	$195,121
Trinity	$42,653	$28,465	$71,118	$0	$218	$7,137	$2,510	$1,000	$500	$14	$1,000	$24	$102	$83,623
Tulare	$170,372	$80,075	$250,447	$420	$656	$113,422	$53,369	$2,282	$4,303	$56	$13,181	$523	$3,228	$441,887
Tuolumne	$85,186	$66,065	$151,251	$0	$0	$12,214	$5,019	$1,000	$500	$14	$1,000	$36	$292	$171,326
Ventura	$170,372	$129,703	$300,075	$210	$983	$90,191	$39,818	$2,180	$3,158	$56	$10,688	$416	$2,148	$449,923
Yolo	$127,779	$100,238	$228,017	$105	$765	$23,279	$12,882	$1,112	$500	$28	$3,159	$93	$776	$270,716
Yuba	$85,186	$66,728	$151,914	$0	$2,951	$18,201	$7,361	$1,000	$500	$14	$2,679	$72	$496	$185,188
Total	**$6,633,000**	**$3,431,820**	**$10,064,820**	**$36,000**	**$73,000**	**$6,876,000**	**$2,831,000**	**$226,000**	**$255,000**	**$4,000**	**$768,000**	**$28,000**	**$159,000**	**$21,320,820**

*These counties are participating in the Title IV-E California Well-Being Project.
**Case Record Reviews allocation includes rollover funds from FY 2015-16.
***These five allocations are part of the Strengthening Families premise.

Fiscal Year 2016-17 Post 2011 Realignment Child Welfare Services Program Allocations Methodology and Claiming Instructions

Child Welfare Services (CWS) Case Record Reviews (Federal Requirement)

The CWS Case Record Reviews allocation provides funding for federally mandated activities for California Child and Family Services Reviews. As outlined in the August 27, 2012, federal Administration for Children and Families Children's Bureau memorandum 12-07, funds are needed to comply with federal requirements for a state Continuous Quality Improvement system.

The CWS Case Record Reviews includes an extensive online review process and in-depth interviews for individuals involved in the case plan for each case selected to undergo a review. Each county child welfare and probation agency performs reviews on an ongoing basis, which must be at least monthly for child welfare and quarterly for probation. For implementation details please refer to All County Letter (ACL) No. 15-77.

A total of $6.6 million General Fund (GF) is available for the CWS Case Record Reviews, which are federally required. This allocation is distributed based on each county's percent-to-total of the number of full time equivalents required to review cases annually, as specified in ACL No. 15-77.

Also, there is currently a total of $3.6 million unspent General Fund in FY 2015-16. In consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association, five percent (approximately $181,000) of the total unspent funds are being held back on a county-specific basis for anticipated FY 2015-16 supplemental claims. Attachment I provides the county specific display of the remaining $3.4 million in unspent FY 2015-16 funds. The final FY 2015-16 unspent funds will be added to the FY 2016-17 Case Record Reviews program allocation. As such, a total of $10 million is allocated for FY 2016-17.

Counties should claim costs to Program Code (PC) 922 – CWS CASE REVIEW. The State Use Only (SUO) code 923 (SUO-NON-FEDERAL CWS CASE REVIEW) will be used to capture non-federally eligible costs after the Title IV-E nonfederal discount rate is applied. Expenditures exceeding the GF allocation will be shifted to county only funding via SUO 924 (SUO CWS-POST 2011 REALIGNMENT OVERMATCH). For claiming instructions, please refer to County Fiscal Letter (CFL) No. 14/15-37.

After 18 Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP) Parenting Support Plan (State Requirement)

The After 18 SILP Infant Payment provides funding for Non-Minor Dependent (NMD) parents living in a SILP who have developed a parenting support plan with an identified

responsible adult and the County Welfare Department. Refer to ACL No. 15-67 for additional information identifying additional support and activity as described in Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 16501.26 and as amended by Assembly Bill (AB) 2668 (Chapter 770, Statutes of 2014).

A total of $36,000 GF is allocated based on the May 2015 to April 2016 caseloads of NMDs in a SILP who have a child as reported from the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) database. Funds are distributed based on each county's percent-to-total of the statewide caseload.

County Welfare

Administrative expenditures associated with the Parent Support Plan payment should be claimed to PC 842 (EFC CASE MANAGEMENT).

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will use the SUO Code 937 to reduce the state portion of expenses claimed to PC 842 by 0.94 percent, to account for After 18 SILP Infant Payment expenditures. This percentage was determined based on a methodology using caseloads multiplied by additional social worker time divided by total time study hours. The SUO Code 938 will shift these costs to Ledger 163 (CWS Post 2011 Realignment) to access the GF allocation. These activities are funded at 50/50/00/00 (Federal/State/Health/County). Expenditures exceeding the GF allocation will be shifted to County-Only using SUO Code 924.

County Probation

The CPDs will use the Program Identifier Number (PIN) 851059 (EFC Probation Case Management) to claim expenses for administrative activities related to the After 18 SILP Infant Payment. Expenditures claimed to PIN 851059 are funded at 50/00/00/50 (Federal/State/Health/County).

The After 18 Terminated Guardianship and Adoption (State Requirement)

The After 18 Terminated Guardianship and Adoption program is a result of the statutory changes to the WIC through enactment of AB 2454 (Chapter 769, Statutes of 2014) and AB 787 (Chapter 487, Statutes of 2013) regarding the extension of foster care, also known as "The After 18 Program." The After 18 Terminated Guardianship and Adoption program provides funding for costs associated with expanding the categories of eligible non-minors who can return to Foster Care (FC). For implementation details and instructions please refer to All County Information Notice No. I-76-15.

A total of $73,000 GF is allocated based on average monthly caseloads for FY 2015-16, as reported on the County Assistance 800 claim for the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment, Federal Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment and Adoptions Assistance Program. Funds are distributed based on each county's percent-to-total of the statewide caseload.

The youth eligible under this program create additional After 18 Program administrative costs. Expenditures associated with the After 18 Terminated Guardianship and Adoption program should be claimed to PC 842 (EFC CASE MANAGEMENT). These activities are funded at 50/50/00/00 (Federal/State/Health/County).

County Welfare

The CDSS will use the SUO code 937 to reduce the state portion of expenditures claimed to PC 842 by 1.30 percent to account for After 18 Terminated Guardianship and Adoption activities. This percentage was determined based on a methodology using caseloads multiplied by additional social worker time divided by total time study hours. The SUO code 938 will shift these costs to Ledger 163 (CWS Post 2011 Realignment) to access the GF allocation. Expenditures exceeding the GF allocation will be shifted to county-only funding via SUO 924 (SUO CWS-POST 2011 REALIGNMENT OVERMATCH).

County Probation

The County Probation Departments (CPDs) will use the PIN 851059 (EFC Probation Case Management) to claim expenses for administrative activities related to the After 18 Terminated Guardianship and Adoption program. Expenditures claimed to PIN 851059 are funded at 50/00/00/50 (Federal/State/Health/County).

Sibling Visitations (State Requirement)

Senate Bill (SB) 1099 (Chapter 773, Statutes of 2014), requires county child welfare and probation social workers to provide additional detailed information in court reports regarding sibling visitation of children in FC. Social workers will also be required to assess sibling relationships between dependent and non-dependent siblings. Dependent siblings can now petition the court to assert a relationship and request visitation with a non-dependent sibling residing with a common legal or biological parent. For additional information, refer to ACL No. 15-100.

A total of $6.8 million GF is allocated based on caseload data from CWS/CMS for Only Dependent Siblings, Dependent and Non-Dependent Siblings and Only Non-Dependent Siblings. A minimum floor of three cases is assigned. The caseload is

then multiplied by the estimated additional social worker time and by the hourly social worker cost.

County Welfare

The expenditures associated with the additional one hour of social worker time for sibling visitations should be claimed to PC 148 (CWS CASE MANAGEMENT).

The CDSS will use the SUO Code 937 to reduce the state portion of expenses claimed to PC 148 by 9.08 percent to account for Sibling Visitation expenditures. This percentage was determined based on a methodology using caseloads multiplied by additional social worker time divided by total time study hours. The SUO code 938 will shift these costs to Ledger 163 (CWS Post 2011 Realignment) to access the GF allocation. Case Management expenditures for activities related to sibling visitations will be funded at 50/50/00/00 (Federal/State/Health/County). Expenditures exceeding the GF allocation will be shifted to County-Only using SUO Code 924.

County Probation

The CPDs will use the appropriate case management PIN, as indicated in CFL No. 14/15-29, to claim expenses for administrative activities related to sibling visitations. Expenditures claimed to the CPD case management PINs are funded at 50/00/00/50 (Federal/State/Health/County).

Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA) (Federal Requirement)

In accordance with the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, Public Law (PL) 113-183, changes were made to the permanency options for youth in FC. The provisions of PL 113-183 were made effective through SB 794 (Chapter 425, Statutes of 2015). SB 794 allows California to implement these provisions and remain in compliance with the federal Title IV-E state plan.

For children age 15 and under who are placed in state monitored FC, the SB 794 orders a permanent plan of return home, adoption, tribal customary adoption, legal guardianship, or placement with a fit and willing relative. The new provisions permit a permanent plan of APPLA to be ordered only for children 16 years of age or older and NMDs. As defined in WIC section 16501(i)(2), APPLA is “a permanent plan ordered by the court for a child 16 years of age or older or a NMD, when there is a compelling reason or reasons to determine that it is not in the best interest of the child or NMD to return home, be placed for adoption, be placed for tribal customary adoption in the case of an Indian child, or be placed with a fit and willing relative.”

A total of $2.8 million GF is allocated based on each county's percent-to-total of the statewide calendar year 2015 caseload data of long-term FC youth ages 0 to 21 years old from the SafeMeasures website. A minimum caseload of seven is assigned.

County Welfare

The expenditures associated with APPLA-related activities should be claimed to PC 148 (CWS CASE MANAGEMENT) and expenditures for court-related documentation related to APPLA should be claimed to PC 147 (CWS CASE MANAGEMENT COURT RELATED ACTIVITIES). The expenditures for Extended Foster Care (EFC) youth related to APPLA should be claimed to PC 842 (EFC CASE MANAGEMENT) and expenditures for EFC youth court-related documentation related to APPLA should be claimed to PC 841 (CWS EFC COURT RELATED ACTIVITIES). The CDSS will use the SUO Code 937 to reduce the state portion of expenses claimed to PC 147 by 0.37 percent, PC 148 by 3.35 percent, PC 841 by 9.33 percent, and PC 842 by 40.42 percent to account for APPLA expenditures. These percentages were determined based on a methodology using caseloads multiplied by additional social worker time divided by total time study hours. The SUO code 938 will shift these costs to Ledger 163 (CWS Post 2011 Realignment) to access the GF allocation. Expenditures for activities related to APPLA will be funded at 50/25/00/25 (Federal/State/Health/County). Expenditures exceeding the GF allocation will be shifted to County Only using SUO Code 924.

County Probation

The CPDs will use the appropriate case management Program Identifier Number (PIN), as indicated in CFL No. 14/15-29, to claim expenses for administrative activities related to APPLA. Expenditures claimed to the CPD case management PINs are funded at 50/00/00/50 (Federal/State/Health/County).

Case Plans (Federal Requirement)

The Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act amended Titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act, and new provisions were added for the case plan requirements for children age 14 and older. With the passage of SB 794, youth aged 14 years and old and NMDs shall be consulted in the development of their case plan and may, at their option, choose to include up to two members of the case planning team in developing their case plan. In addition, a document that describes the youth's rights is required to be given to youth in FC 14 years of age and older and NMDs.

The Act also lowers the threshold age from 16 to 14 for the foster youth credit reports requirement. As a result, federal law requires that children in FC placements, aged 14

and older, receive free copies of their credit reports from all three major credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian, TransUnion), as well as assistance in interpreting and clearing any inaccuracies in the credit reports.

A total of $226,000 GF is allocated based on FY 2014-15 caseload data from CWS/CMS of youth in FC ages 14 to 20 years old. The caseload is then multiplied by the estimated additional one hour and 15 minutes of social worker time and by the hourly social worker cost. A minimum floor of $1,000 is assigned.

County Welfare

The expenditures associated with social worker time for case plans and credit reports for FC youth should be claimed to PC 148 (CWS CASE MANAGEMENT) and for EFC youth should be claimed to PC 842 (EFC CASE MANAGEMENT).

The CDSS will use the SUO Code 937 to reduce the state portion of expenses claimed to PC 148 by 1.01 percent and PC 842 by 11.34 percent to account for Case Plans expenditures. These percentages were determined based on a methodology using caseloads multiplied by additional social worker time divided by total time study hours. The SUO code 938 will shift these costs to Ledger 163 (CWS Post 2011 Realignment) to access the GF allocation. Expenditures for activities related to case plans will be funded at 50/25/00/25 (Federal/State/Health/County). Expenditures exceeding the GF allocation will be shifted to County Only using SUO Code 924.

County Probation

The CPDs will use the appropriate case management PIN, as indicated in CFL No. 14/15-29, to claim expenses for administrative activities related to case plans. Expenditures claimed to the CPD case management PINs are funded at 50/00/00/50 (Federal/State/Health/County).

Notification of Relatives (Federal Requirement)

A definition of sibling was established in order to aid in effectively implementing the expanded relative notification provision. The enactment of SB 794 amended WIC 309(e) to modify relative notification requirements. The provisions specify that when a child is removed from his or her home, parent of the child's sibling must be identified and notified, in addition to other adult relatives, if that parent has legal custody of the sibling.

A total of $255,000 GF is allocated for the additional 15 minutes of social worker time for notification of relatives based on 2014 third quarter extract caseload data from

CWS/CMS for CWS and probation youth that have a non-dependent sibling. A minimum floor of $500 is assigned. The remaining balance was distributed based on each county's percent-to-total of the statewide caseload.

County Welfare

The expenditures for notification of relatives should be claimed to PC 148 (CWS CASE MANAGEMENT).

The CDSS will use the SUO Code 937 to reduce the state portion of expenses claimed to PC 148 by 0.67 percent for Notification of Relatives expenditures. This percentage was determined based on a methodology using caseloads multiplied by additional social worker time divided by total time study hours. The SUO code 938 will shift these costs to Ledger 163 (CWS Post 2011 Realignment) to access the GF allocation. Expenditures for activities related to notification of relatives will be funded at 50/25/00/25 (Federal/State/Health/County). Expenditures exceeding the GF allocation will be shifted to County Only using SUO Code 924.

County Probation

The CPDs will use the appropriate case management PIN, as indicated in CFL No. 14/15-29, to claim expenses for administrative activities related to notification of relatives. Expenditures claimed to the CPD case management PINs are funded at 50/00/00/50 (Federal/State/Health/County).

Pregnant/Parenting Minors and NMDs (Federal Requirement)

SB 794 (Chapter 425, Statutes of 2015) amended the WIC section 16501.45 to ensure compliance with the new federal reporting requirements by requiring CDSS to make changes to the CWS/CMS to accommodate data collection and track the number or minors and NMDs in FC who are pregnant or parenting.

A total of $4,000 GF is allocated for the additional 30 minutes of social worker time and is based on each county's percent-to-total of the statewide 2014 third quarter extract caseload data from CWS/CMS for youth in FC ages 13 to 20 years old. A minimum floor caseload of one is assigned.

County Welfare

The expenditures associated with data collection activities related to pregnant/parenting minors should be claimed to PC 148 (CWS CASE MANAGEMENT) and expenditures associated with data collection related to pregnant/parenting NMDs

should be claimed to PC 842 (EFC CASE MANAGEMENT).

The CDSS will use the SUO Code 937 to reduce the state portion of expenses claimed to PC 842 by 0.07 percent for pregnant/parenting minors and NMDs expenditures. This percentage was determined based on a methodology using caseloads multiplied by additional social worker time divided by total time study hours. The SUO code 938 will shift these costs to Ledger 163 (CWS Post 2011 Realignment) to access the GF allocation. Expenditures for activities related to pregnant/parenting minors and NMDs will be funded at 50/25/00/25 (Federal/State/Health/County). Expenditures exceeding the GF allocation will be shifted to County Only using SUO Code 924.

County Probation

The CPDs will use the appropriate case management PIN, as indicated in CFL No. 14/15-29, to claim expenses for administrative activities related to pregnant/parenting minors and NMDs. Expenditures claimed to the CPD case management PINs are funded at 50/00/00/50 (Federal/State/Health/County).

Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard

The reasonable and prudent parent standard is key to promoting normalcy for youth in FC. This standard is based on consideration of the child's age, maturity, mental and physical health, developmental level, behavioral propensities and aptitude. Existing law required a caregiver to use a reasonable and prudent parent standard in determining whether a dependent child can participate in extracurricular, enrichment and social activities. SB 794 (Chapter 425, Statutes of 2015) amended California's reasonable and prudent parent standard to ensure compliance with federal law. SB 794 requires that training for various categories of caregivers include knowledge and skills relating to the reasonable and prudent parent standard for participation in age or developmentally appropriate activities and ensures that foster youth in all placements have the opportunity to participate in age or developmentally appropriate activities.

A total of $768,000 GF is allocated based on child welfare services and probation November 2015 caseload projection data from CWS/CMS. The caseload is then multiplied by the estimated additional 15 minutes of social worker time and by the hourly social worker cost. A minimum floor of $1,000 is assigned.

County Welfare

The expenditures associated with reasonable and prudent parent standard and should be claimed to PC 148 (CWS CASE MANAGEMENT).
The CDSS will use the SUO Code 937 to reduce the state portion of expenses claimed

to PC 148 by 2.03 percent for reasonable and prudent parent standard expenditures. This percentage was determined based on a methodology using caseloads multiplied by additional social worker time divided by total time study hours. The SUO code 938 will shift these costs to Ledger 163 (CWS Post 2011 Realignment) to access the GF allocation. Expenditures for activities related to reasonable and prudent parent standard will be funded at 50/25/00/25 (Federal/State/Health/County). Expenditures exceeding the GF allocation will be shifted to County Only using SUO Code 924.

County Probation

The CPDs will use the appropriate case management PIN, as indicated in CFL No. 14/15-29, to claim expenses for administrative activities related to reasonable and prudent parent standard. Expenditures claimed to the CPD case management PINs are funded at 50/00/00/50 (Federal/State/Health/County).

Family Reunification (FR) Extension for Dependent Parents

Pursuant to SB 68 (Chapter 284, Statutes of 2015) and WIC sections 366.21 and 366.22, a one-time allocation is provided for the new state-funded FR Extension for Dependent Parents program. This allocation provides funding to extend FR from 18 months up to 24 months. Extension of FR is dependent on a minor parent or NMD parent making substantial progress on their court ordered FR plan and the courts determining that extending FR is in the best interests of the minor parent's or NMD parent's child. For further information, refer to ACIN No. I-24-17, dated May 24, 2017.

A total of $28,000 GF is allocated based on each county's percent-to-total of the statewide foster care caseload for FY 2015-16, as reported in the California Child Welfare Indicators Project.

Administrative expenditures associated with the FR Extension for Dependent Parents should be claimed to PC 148 (CWS CASE MANAGEMENT). The CDSS will use the SUO Code 937 to reduce the state portion of expenses claimed to PC 148 to account for FR Extension expenditures. The CDSS will process manual adjustments at FY 2016-17 closeout so counties will receive the GF share of the cost. The SUO code 938 will shift these costs to Ledger 163 (CWS Post 2011 Realignment) to access the GF allocation. Case Management expenditures for activities related to FR Extension will be funded at 50/50/00/00 (Federal/State/Health/County). Expenditures exceeding the GF allocation will be shifted to County Only using SUO Code 924. For subsequent years, forthcoming guidance will be issued detailing the methodology and automatic shifting of GF portion to CWS Post 2011 Realignment ledgers.

Child Near Fatality and Fatality Reporting

Federal and state statutes govern the disclosure of information related to child fatalities or near fatalities that are the result of abuse and/or neglect. Federal law, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), requires that states disclose to the public, findings or information about cases of child abuse and neglect that result in fatalities or near fatalities. Additionally, SB 39 (Chapter 468, Statutes of 2007) set out the requirements for the county's disclosure of child fatality information wherein there is a reasonable suspicion that the fatality was caused by abuse or neglect and when abuse or neglect has been determined to have led to a child's death.

A total of $159,000 GF is allocated based on each county's percent-to-total of the statewide FC caseloads for FY 2015-16 from the CA 237 FC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children Foster Care Caseload Movement and Expenditures Report).

Administrative expenditures associated with the Child Near Fatality and Fatality Reporting should be claimed to PC 148 (CWS CASE MANAGEMENT). The CDSS will use the SUO Code 937 to reduce the state portion of expenses claimed to PC 148 to account for Child Near Fatality and Fatality Reporting expenditures. The CDSS will process manual adjustments at FY 2016-17 closeout so counties will receive the GF share of the cost. The SUO code 938 will shift these costs to Ledger 163 (CWS Post 2011 Realignment) to access the GF allocation. Case Management expenditures for activities related to Child Near Fatality and Fatality Reporting will be funded at 50/50/00/00 (Federal/State/Health/County). Expenditures exceeding the GF allocation will be shifted to County Only using SUO Code 924. For subsequent years, forthcoming guidance will be issued detailing the methodology and automatic shifting of GF portion to CWS Post 2011 Realignment ledgers.