

## **CDSS Continuum of Care Letters and Notices**

### **County Fiscal Letters (CFLs)**

#### **Policy Claiming:**

- [CFL 19-20-14](#): Re-Entry Of Eligible Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs) To Extended Foster Care (EFC) When Adoptive Parent(s) Or Former Legal Guardian(s) No Longer Provide Support
- [CFL No. 18-19-86](#): Annual Reminder Of Federal Fund Monitoring Responsibilities For Counties
- [CFL No. 18-19-81](#): Funding For Emergency Caregivers (EC) With Placement Of Child(ren) And/OR Non-Minor Dependents (NMD) Prior To Resource Family Approval (RFA) And Aid To Families With Dependent Children–Foster Care (AFDC–FC)
- [CFL No. 18-19-69](#): County Welfare Department County Expense Claim Time Study And Claiming Instructions For The June 2019 Quarter
- [CFL No. 18-19-58](#): Claiming Instructions For The Level Of Care Rate Determination Protocol
- [CFL No. 18/19-52](#): County Welfare Department County Expense Claim Time Study And Claiming Instructions For The March 2019 Quarter
  - Please see Section I(B)
- [CFL No. 18/19-25](#): Child Welfare Department (CWD) County Expense Claim (CEC) Time Study And Claiming Instructions For The December 2018 Quarter
  - Please see Section I(B) and (C)
- [CFL No 18/19-03](#): Funding For Emergency Caregiver (EC) With Placement Of Child(ren) And/OR Non-Minor Dependents (NMD) Prior To Resource Family Approval (RFA)
- [CFL No. 18/19-02](#): Claiming Instructions For Establishment Of A Services Only Rate To Secure Additional Services And Supports
- [CFL No. 17/18-80](#): Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention And Support (FPRRS) Funding Opportunity Child Care
- [CFL No. 17/18-57](#): County Welfare Department (CWD) County Expense Claim (CEC) Time Study And Claiming Instructions For The June 2018 Quarter
  - Please see Section I(A).
- [CFL No. 17/18-46](#): County Welfare Department (CWD) County Expense Claim (CEC) Time Study And Claiming Instructions For The March 2018 Quarter
  - Please see Section I(A) and (B)
- [CFL No. 17/18-36](#): Reminder Of Claiming Instructions For Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP)

- [CFL No. 17/18-32E](#): Errata To Changes To The County Assistance (CA) 800 Claim And Addition Of The CA 800 Continuum Of Care Reform (CCR) CLAIM - Phase II Claiming Instructions
- [CFL No. 17/18-32](#): Changes To The County Assistance (CA) 800 Claim And Addition Of The Ca 800 Continuum Of Care Reform (CCR) Claim - Phase II Claiming Instructions
- [CFL No. 17/18-30](#): Updates to Claiming Instructions for the Resource Family Approval (RFA) Program
- [CFL No. 17/18-09E](#): Errata to Claiming Instructions to County Probation Departments for Nonfederal Child and Family Teams for Youth in Detention
- [CFL No. 17/18-09](#): Claiming Instructions to County Probation Departments for Nonfederal Child and Family Teams for Youth in Detention
- [CFL No.16/17-60](#): Continuum of Care (CCR) Reconciliation Methodology for Zero Base Populations
- [CFL No.16/17-43](#): Continuum of Care Reform Assistance Reconciliation Methodology
- [CFL No. 16/17-41EII](#) Errata II to Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Home Based Family Care Rate Phase I Claiming Instructions
- [CFL No. 16/17-41E](#): Errata to Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Home Based Family Care Rate Phase I Claiming Instruction
- [CFL No.16/17-41](#): Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Home Based Family Care Rate Phase I Claiming Instructions
- [CFL No. 16/17-22](#): Child and Family Team Claiming Instructions
- [CFL No.16/17-20](#): Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Support Funding Opportunity Child Care
- [CFL No. 15/16-48](#): Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Support Program Claiming Instructions for County Probation Departments
- [CFL No. 15/16-37E](#): Errata to Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Support Program

**Allocations:**

- [CFL 19-20-37](#): Fiscal Year 2019-20 Child And Family Teams General Fund Allocations
- [CFL 19-20-48](#): Fiscal Year 2019-20 Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, And Support Program Planning Allocation For County Welfare And Probation Departments
- [CFL No. 19-20-06](#): Fiscal Year 2019-20 Emergency Child Care Bridge Program For Foster Children Allocation
- [CFL No. 18-19-89](#): Fiscal Year 2018-19 Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, And Support Program Final Allocation For County Welfare And Probation Departments

- [CFL No. 18-19-78](#): Fiscal Year 2018-19 Level Of Care Protocol Tool General Fund Allocation
- [CFL No. 18-19-61](#): Fiscal Year 2017-18 Continuum Of Care Reform Reappropriation General Fund Planning Allocation For Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, And Support, Child And Family Teams, And Resource Family Approval Programs
- [CFL No. 18-19-57](#): Fiscal Year 2018-19 Continuum Of Care Reform Second Level Administration Review General Fund Allocation
- [CFL No. 18/19-46](#): Fiscal Year 2017-18 Continuum Of Care Reform Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, And Support, Child And Family Teams, And Resource Family Approval Programs Final Allocations
- [CFL No. 18/19-37](#): Fiscal Year 2018-19 Child And Family Teams General Fund Allocation
- [ACL No. 18-130](#): Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, And Support (FPRRS) Activities And Outcomes Report For Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 And Funding Opportunity For FY 2018-19
- [CFL No. 18/19-32](#): Fiscal Year 2018-19 Continuum Of Care Reform Resource Family Approval Program Allocations For County Welfare And Probation Departments
- [CFL No. 18/19-13](#): Fiscal Year 2018-19 Continuum Of Care Reform Services Only Rate General Fund Allocation
- [CFL No. 18/19-05](#): Fiscal Year 2017-18 Continuum Of Care Reform Assistance Allocation
- [CFL No. 17/18-78](#): Fiscal Year 2015-16 Continuum of Care Reform Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, And Support Program Reappropriated Funds Final Allocation For County Welfare And Probation Departments
- [CFL No. 17/18-76](#): Fiscal Year 2016-17 Continuum Of Care Reform Reappropriation Planning Allocation For Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, And Support, Child And Family Teams, And Resource Family Approval Programs
- [CFL No. 17/18-68](#): Fiscal Year 2017-18 Allocation For Continuum Of Care Reform Second Level Administration Review
- [CFL No. 17/18-54](#): Fiscal Year 2017-18 Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, And Support Program Final Allocation For County Welfare And Probation Departments
- [CFL No. 17/18-52](#): Fiscal Year 2017-18 Continuum of Care Reform Assistance Allocation
- [CFL No. 17/18-47](#): Fiscal Year 2017-18 Resource Family Approval program allocation
- [CFL No. 17/18-42](#): Fiscal Year 2017-18 Child and Family Teams General Fund Allocation
- [CFL No. 17/18-37](#): Fiscal Year 2017-18 Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, and Support program planning allocation

- [CFL No. 16/17-76](#): Fiscal Year 2016-17 Final Continuum of Care Reform Resource Family Approval Program Allocation for County Welfare and Probation Departments
- [CFL No. 16-17-71](#): Fiscal Year 2016-17 Allocation for Continuum of Care Reform Second Level Administration Review
- [CFL No. 15-16-58](#): Fiscal Year 2015-16 Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Support Program Allocations for County Welfare and Probation Departments
- [CFL No. 16-17-54](#): Fiscal Year 2016-17 Continuum of Care Reform Foster Family Agency Social Worker Rate Increase General Fund Allocation
- [CFL No. 16-17-45](#): Fiscal Year 2016-17 Continuum of Care Reform Resource Family Approval Program Allocations for County Welfare and Probation Departments
- [CFL No. 16-17-35](#): Fiscal Year 2015-16 Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Support Program Planning Allocation
- [CFL No. 16-17-34](#): Fiscal Year 2016-17 Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Support Program Allocations for County Welfare and Probation Departments
- [CFL No. 16-17-05](#): Fiscal Year 2015-16 Continuum of Care Reform Foster Family Agency Social Work Rate Increase General Fund Allocation

### **All County Letters (ACLs)**

- [ACL 19-98](#): Resource Family Approval (RFA) Quarterly Report (RFA 181 [7/19])
- [ACL 19-97](#): Resource Family Approval Program – Portability
- [ACL 19-94](#): Presumptive Transfer For Children And Youth Placed In Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs
- [ACL No. 19-91](#): Sharing Ratios For Foster Family Agencies, Intensive Services Foster Care, Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs, Community Treatment Facilities, Group Homes And Transitional Housing Placement – Non-Minor Dependent Programs For Fiscal Year 2019-20
- [ACL No. 19-84](#): Updated Information Regarding Funding For Emergency Caregivers With Placement Of Children And/Or Nonminor Dependents (NMDS) Prior To Resource Family Approval (RFA) Or As A Tribally Approved Home (TAH)
- [ACL No. 19-80](#): Information Provided To Resource Families
- [ACL No 19-72](#): General Information On Assembly Bill (AB) 1930 As It Relates To The Resource Family Approval (RFA) Program
- [ACL No. 19-71](#): Tribally Approved Homes
- [ACL No. 19-70](#): Aid To Families With Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) And Home-Based Family Care (HBFC) California Necessities Index (CNI) Increases And Other Rate Increases
- [ACL No. 19-53](#): Requirements And Guidelines For Participation In The Active Supportive Intervention Services For Transition (ASIST) Program For Children, Youth, And Nonminor Dependents (NMD) To Transition From Residential Placements To Family-Based Settings.
- [ACL No. 19-26](#): Placement Change Requirements

- [ACL No. 19-24](#): Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS) Related To Emergency Caregiver (EC) Funding Prior To Resource Family Approval (RFA)
- [ACL No. 19-18](#): Emergency Child Care Bridge Program For Foster Children (Bridge Program) Opting In Fiscal Years (FY) 2019-20, 2020-21
- [ACL No. 18-145](#): Sharing Ratios For Foster Family Agencies, Intensive Services Foster Care, Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs, Community Treatment Facilities, Group Homes And Transitional Housing Placement Plus Foster Care Programs For Fiscal Year 2018-19
- [ACL No. 18-142](#): Clarification Of Resource Family Written Report And Overview Of The Adoption Process For Existing Foster Caregivers And Resource Families (RF)
- [ACL No. 18-130](#): Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, And Support (FPRS) Activities And Outcomes Report For Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 And Funding Opportunity For FY 2018-19
- [ACL No. 18-128](#): Monthly Data Reporting Template And Completion Instructions For Emergency Caregiver (EC) Payments Pending Resource Family Approval (RFA)
- [ACL No. 18-100](#): Assembly Bill (AB) 1006 Implementation
- [ACL No. 18-88](#): Establishment Of A Services-Only Rate To Secure Additional Services And Supports
- [ACL No. 18-85](#): Clarification Regarding Sharing Of CANS Assessments By County Placing Agencies And Mental Health Programs
- [ACL No. 18-81E](#): ACL 18-81: Child And Adolescent Needs And Strengths (CANS) Assessment Tool Within A Child And Family Team (CFT) Process
- [ACL No. 18-81](#): Requirements And Guidelines For Implementing The Child And Adolescent Needs And Strengths (CANS) Assessment Tool Within A Child And Family Team (CFT) Process
- [ACL No. 18-80E](#): Errata To The Emergency Child Care Bridge Program For Foster Children (Bridge Program)
- [ACL No. 18-80](#): Emergency Child Care Bridge Program For Foster Children (Bridge Program)
- [ACL No. 18-75](#): Funding For Emergency Caregivers With Placement Of Children And/Or Non Minor Dependents (NMDS) Prior To Resource Family Approval (RFA)
- [ACL No. 18-73](#): Emergency Child Care Bridge Program For Foster Children (Bridge Program)
- [ACL No. 18-60](#): Presumptive Transfer Policy Guidance
- [ACL No. 18-57](#): Suspension Of Intensive Treatment Foster Care (ITFC) Program Quarterly Statistical Reports (FC 19 [7/12]) And Multi- Dimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC) Program Quarterly Statistical Report (FC 19A [7/12])
- [ACL No. 18-48](#): State Guidance For Specialized Care Rate (SCR) Programs
- [ACL No. 18-42](#): Family Finding And Engagement (FFE)
- [ACL No. 18-33](#): Short-Term, Interim Funding For Emergency Caregivers With Placement Of Child(ren) And/Or Non Minor Dependents (NMD) Prior To Resource Family Approval (RFA)
- [ACL No. 18-32](#): Instructions For Entry Of The Level Of Care (LOC) And Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC) Rates Into Child Welfare Services/Case Management

- System (CWS/CMS)
- [ACL No. 18-25](#): Implementation Of The Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC) Program
- [ACL No. 18-23](#): The Child And Family Team (CFT) Process Frequently Asked Questions And Answers
- [ACL No. 18-09](#): Requirements for implementing the child and adolescent needs and strengths assessment tool within a Child and Family Team (CFT)
- [ACL No. 18-06E](#): Errata to Implementation date change for the Home-Based Family Care (HBFC)- Level of Care (LOC) rate determination protocol (Protocol) and instructions
- [ACL No. 18-06](#): Implementation date change for the Home-Based Family Care (HBFC)- Level of Care (LOC) rate determination protocol (Protocol) and instructions
- [ACL No. 18-02](#): Resource family approval program-conversion of licensed Foster Family Homes (FFH) and certified Family Homes (CFH) that provided respite services in 2017
- [ACL No. 17-122](#): Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPS) Placement Criteria, Interagency Placement Committees (IPCS), Second Level Review For Ongoing Placements Into Group Homes And STRTPS
- [ACL No. 17-112](#): Statewide Effectiveness Of The Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) Program
- [ACL No. 17-111](#): Delayed Implementation Of The Home-Based Family Care- Level Of Care (LOC) Rate Determination Protocol
- [ACL No. 17-109](#): Emergency Child Care Bridge Program For Foster Children (Bridge Program)
- [ACL No. 17-104](#): Emergency child care bride program for foster children (Bride Program)
- [ACL No. 17-90](#): Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, And Support (FPRRS) Funding Opportunity For Fiscal (FY) 2017-18
- [ACL No. 17-89](#): Sharing Ratios For Foster Family Agency (FFA), Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC), Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP), Community Treatment Facility (CTF), Group Home (GH) and Transitional Housing Placement Plus Foster Care (THP+FC) For Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 and FY 2017-18 and CTF Rate For FY 2017-18
- [ACL No. 17-77](#): Implementation Of Presumptive Transfer For Foster Children Placed Out Of County
- [ACL No. 17-75](#): Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) California Necessities Index (CNI) Increases and Other Rate Increases
- [ACL No. 17-68](#): Foster Family Agency Placements With Relatives And Nonrelative Extended Family Members (NREFMs)
- [ACL No. 17-64](#): Changes In Placement Practices For Children, Youth, And Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs) In Foster Care
- [ACL No. 17-50](#): Interstate Compact On The Placement Of Children (ICPC) Equivalency Letter For The Resource Family Approval Program (RFA) Out-Of-State Placement

- [ACL No. 17-39](#): Licensing Administrative Action Records System (LAARS) Access Change and Requirements for Use Related to Resource Family Approval (RFA)
- [ACL No. 17-32](#): Policy Clarification Regarding Assessment Centers And Unlicensed Transitional Shelter Care Facilities
- [ACL No. 17-16EII](#): Resource Family Approval Program (RFA) – Extension Of Conversion Of Existing Approved And Licensed Foster Caregivers To Resource Families
- [ACL No. 17-16](#): Conversion of Existing Approved And Licensed Foster Caregivers to Resource Families
  
- [ACL No. 17-15](#): Sharing Ratios For Group Home Programs Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17
- [ACL No. 17-14](#): Optional County Review Of Provider Program Statements And Letter Of Recommendation
- [ACL No. 17-11](#): Phase II Implementation Of The Continuum Of Care Reform (CCR) Home-Based Family Care (HBFC) And Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) Rates Structure And Conversion Process From The Old Rate Structure To The New Rate Structure
- [ACL No. 17-07](#): Revised aid to families with dependents children foster care caseload movement and expenditures report [CA 237 FC (12/17
- [ACL No. 16-110](#): State Hearing Procedures in Processing Disputes Under the Resource Family Approval Program and the Superior Court Writ Harris V. California Department of Social Services (CDSS)
- [ACL No. 16-92](#): Approved Relative Caregiver Funding Option (ARC) Program
- [ACL No. 16-84](#): Requirements and Guidelines for Creating and Providing a Child and Family Team (CFT)
- [ACL No. 16-79](#): Information About The Continuum Of Care Reform (CCR) Home-Based Family Care (HBFC) And Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) Rates Structure And Conversion Process From The Old Rate Structure To The New Rate Structure
- [ACL No. 16-72](#): Reimbursement Process For Accreditation Fees
- [ACI No. 16-65](#): Assembly Bill (AB) 403 Group Home Extension Request To Continue Placements And Current Rate Classification Level (RCL) Rate
- [ACL No. 16-58](#): Resource Family Approval Program-Clarifying Instructions for Statewide Implementation
- [ACL No. 16-55](#): Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) Rates
- [ACL No. 16-54](#): Clarifying Instructions Regarding Eligibility For The Dual Agency Rate
- [ACL No. 16-52E](#): Errata to Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, And Support (FPRRS) Funding Opportunity
- [ACL No. 16-52](#): Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, And Support (FPRRS) Funding Opportunity
- [ACL No. 16-10](#): Resource Family Approval Program
- [ACL No. 16-05](#): Nationally Recognized Accreditation Agencies Identified By The

California Department Of Social Services (CDSS) To Be Used For Accreditation  
By Foster Family Agencies And Short-Term Residential Treatment Centers  
(STRTCs)

**All County Information Notice (ACINs)**

- [ACIN No. I-36-19](#): Fifth Group Home Rate Extensions; Requirements For Counties To Continue Group Home Placements And The Implications For Placement Funding
- [ACIN No. I-15-19](#): Available Education-Related Resources
- [ACIN No. 1-09-19](#): 2018 Chaptered Legislation Affecting Child Welfare Services And Foster Care Programs
- [ACIN No. I-90-18](#): Clarification Regarding The Dual Agency Rate And Supplement To The Dual Agency Rate Paid On Behalf Of Dual Agency Children Who Are Or Were Recipients Of Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) Program Benefits On Or After July 1, 2017
- [ACIN No. I-79-18](#): Phase Four Group Home Extension Request To Continue Placements And Current Rate Classification Level (RCL) Rate, And The Implications For Placement Funding
- [ACIN No. I-71-18](#): Using Team Meetings To Increase Cross-system Collaboration Between Local Child Welfare And Education Agencies (LEAs)
- [ACIN No. I-68-18](#): Reduction In The Frequency Of Law Enforcement Involvement At Residential Facilities
- [ACIN No. I-51-18](#): Resource Family Approval (RFA) Criminal Record Background Checks: Background Assessment Guide (BAG) Revised March 14, 2018
- [ACIN No. I-37-18](#): Continuum Of Care Reform (CCR) Group Home Extension Request To Continue Placements And Current Rate Classification Level (RCL) Rate
- [ACIN No. I-30-18](#): SB 731 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- [ACIN No. I-28-18E](#): Correction To All County Information Notice I-28-18 Requirements For Trauma-Informed Core Services And Training For Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs) And Foster Family Agencies (FFAs)
- [ACIN No. I-28-18](#): Requirements For Trauma-Informed Core Services And Training For Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs) And Foster Family Agencies (FFAs)
- [ACIN No. I-21-18](#): The California Children, Youth, And Families Integrated Core Practice Model And The California Integrated Training Guide
- [ACIN No. I-14-18](#): Dissemination And Use Of The "What Is A Child And Family Team (CFT)?" Brochures Designed For Youth, Parents, And Professionals
- [ACIN No. I-01-18](#): Out-Of-County Emergency Placement Assessment And Resource Family Approval (RFA) Protocol. Informs county child welfare departments of the out-of-county protocol CWDA agreed to abide by. County probation departments shall follow one of three options outlined in the Written Directives
- [ACIN No. I-91-17](#): Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) training resource toolkit



- [ACIN No. 1-75-17](#): Assembly Bill (AB) 403 Group Home Extension Request To Continue Placements And Current Rate Classification Level (RCL) Rate
- [ACIN No. 1-57-17](#): Recommended Practices For Providers Serving Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC)
- [ACIN No. 1-53-17](#): County Reports On Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, And Support (FPRRS) Funding For Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17
- [ACIN No. 1-51-17](#): Resource Family Online Training Foster Parent College
- [ACIN No. 1-05-17](#): Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) service model and parent qualifications
- [ACIN No. 1-03-17](#): Continuum Of Care Reform (CCR) Trainings
- [ACIN No. 1-53-16](#): Authorization To Make Retroactive Foster Care Payments Without A Court Order
- [ACIN No. 1-52-16E](#): Errata To Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) Service Model And Continuum Of Care Reform (CCR)
- [ACIN No. 1-51-16](#): Respite Care As Child Abuse And Neglect Prevention Strategy
- [ACIN No. 1-50-16](#): Continuum Of Care Reform (CCR) (Assembly Bill (AB) 403 General Information)
- [ACIN No. 1-42-16](#): Assessments To Determine The Appropriateness Of The Group Home Placement For Children And Youth In Group Home Care Over One Year In Duration And Plans For Transitioning Into A Home-Based Family Care Setting
- [ACIN No. 1-6-16](#): Pathways To Mental Health Services Implementation And Continuum Of Care Reform (CCR) Implementation Updates

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<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Letters-and-Notices>