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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-10-20

This All County Information Notice (ACIN) clarifies policy regarding eligibility for the infant supplement payment.



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM MANAGERS
ALL INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM COORDINATORS
ALL FOSTER CARE MANAGERS
ALL TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES
ALL TRANSITIONAL HOUSING COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: INFANT SUPPLEMENT PAYMENT ELIGIBILITY

REFERENCE: [WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS \(WIC\) SECTION 11465 \(a\);](#)
[MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES \(MPP\), DIVISION](#)
[11-415; ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) 89-15; ACL 17-93](#)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this ACIN is to clarify policy regarding infant supplement eligibility that was not part of the original [ACL 89-15](#) for the infant supplement payment.

BACKGROUND

In 1988, Senate Bill 510 was passed to comply with federal legislation, adding [WIC section 11465](#). This bill changed the type of funding utilized for the care and supervision of the children of parenting foster youth who reside with their parent in a foster care setting. As a result, a supplemental Aid to Families with Dependent Children – Foster Care (AFDC-FC) uniform payment was authorized to be paid for the care and supervision of the child living with a parenting foster youth.

With subsequent amendments to [WIC Section 11465](#), additional populations of parenting youth who are living with their non-dependent child are currently statutorily-eligible for the infant supplement payment, including:

- Youth under delinquency jurisdiction who are residing in foster care.
- Nonminor dependents (NMDs) in Extended Foster Care.
- Youth in non-related legal guardianships receiving AFDC-FC payments.
- Youth receiving Kin-Guardianship Assistance Payment (Kin-GAP) payments.
- Youth receiving Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) payments.

INFANT SUPPLEMENT POLICY

The infant supplement is an additional payment tied to the AFDC-FC, Kin-GAP or ARC programs for the parent with whom the child is living. Either male or female parenting youth may be eligible for an infant supplement, and all eligible teens and NMDs should be regularly screened for current or impending parenthood. A best practice is for social workers/probation officers to ask at monthly visits and to follow up on information that indicates a youth has a child living with them or is expecting a child.

An infant supplement payment is provided to the youth's caregiver (including transitional housing providers, group homes and Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs on their behalf unless the youth is in a Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP) receiving their payment directly. The NMDs living in a SILP also receive the infant supplement payment directly. Infant supplement payments are to be used solely for the care and supervision of the child of the eligible parent. **Only one infant supplement may be paid per eligible child; if both parents of the infant are receiving AFDC-FC, the infant supplement must be paid on behalf of the parent that has primary physical custody of the child.**

Care providers who are receiving the infant supplement on behalf of a parenting youth should work with parenting youth, when developmentally appropriate, to establish how the infant supplement will be used and to develop a budget. A best practice would be to incorporate this into a Shared Living Agreement between the youth and care provider. [ACL 17-93](#) discusses how the infant supplement can be utilized for NMDs living in a Transitional Housing Placement Program for Nonminor Dependents (THPP-NMD), formerly known as THP+FC.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this ACIN, please contact the Child and Youth Permanency Branch at 916-651-7464 or the Foster Care Audits and Rates Branch at 916-651-9152.

Sincerely,

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