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RE: ACL 10-62: Specialized Care Increment (SCI) Determination Document

The SCI rates for Colusa County

| Age of Child | Basic Rate | Specialized Care Rate-Level A | Specialized Care Rate-Level B | Specialized Care Rate-Level C |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 0-4 | \$446 | \$560 | \$675 | \$789 |
| 5-8 | \$485 | \$599 | \$714 | \$828 |
| 9-11 | \$519 | \$633 | \$748 | \$862 |
| 12-14 | \$573 | \$687 | \$802 | \$916 |
| 15-18 | \$627 | \$741 | \$856 | \$970 |
| Specialized Care Increment | | \$114 | \$229 | \$343 |

- Criteria and methodology used to determine the increment at each payment level

The SCI increments were established in the Colusa County Plan submitted in 1997 to CDSS as: Level A-\$100; Level B-\$200; and Level C-\$300. These amounts were then adjusted to reflect COLA increases in 1997, 1998, 2000 and 2001 to arrive at the increment amounts listed in the table above.

- Descriptions for the qualifying factors for each SCI level

- Level A: Moderate Care

Care needed because the child's physical or emotional behavior is such that it requires more than normal care and supervision due to one or more of the following conditions:

- Medical conditions such as asthma, epilepsy, heart condition, or moderate symptoms of drug withdrawal.
- Enuresis, hyperkinetic behavior, moderate and/or occasional emotional problems.
- Moderate education problems.
- Parental visitation results in problems for the child.
- Frequent trips must be made to physician and/or therapist.
- Medical condition that requires maintenance of a constant temperature in the home.

- Level B: Intensive Care

Intensive levels of care are needed due to one or more of the following conditions:

- Severe physical or medical problems requiring frequent trips to the physician and/or therapist.
- Recurrent out of county trips to the physician and/or therapist.

- Encopresis.
- Severe drug withdrawal symptoms requiring frequent physician or other types of medical contacts.
- Level C: Exceptional Care
The child has severe behavioral or physical problems requiring a high level of supervision and/or care due to one or more of the following conditions:
 - Severe emotional or behavioral problems, drug use, destructive behavior, sexual acting out, running away, assaultive behavior, stealing, hyperactivity, or fire setting.
 - Severe problems in school requiring frequent foster parent intervention with educational personnel.
 - Medical complications as a result of prenatal drug exposure requiring frequent medical treatment and in-home monitoring.
- Any forms used for SCI approval or denial

There are no forms used for SCI approval or denial. The Social Worker providing placement management services will determine if the child fits within the classifications for a SCI rate. The Social Worker Supervisor reviews the case documentation for said need and provides approval or denial.

The foster parent may also request a SCI rate. This request will be assessed within 30 days of request by the Social Worker providing placement management services with approval/denial being determined by the Social Worker Supervisor.