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FOSTER CARE RATES LETTER: 00-01

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: INTERNET ACCESS TO RATE INFORMATION

I am pleased to announce that county placing agencies now have online access to the Foster Care Rates Bureau's (FCRB) group home and foster family agency rate information. This information can be accessed via the Child Welfare Service/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) website. This change will allow county placing agencies to have instant access, 24-hours per day, to current rate information.

By having this information available on the Internet, the FCRB can ensure that accurate, timely rate information is continually available to all interested parties. This rate information contains all information currently found in the rates list, but will be updated bimonthly. You may access this site through the CWS/CMS website address at www.hwcws.cahwnet.gov. Once in that site, click on "Program Resources" located in the index and then "Foster Care Rates and More." Because this information is now available on the Internet, staff of the FCRB will no longer be forwarding copies of rate setting letters to county placing agencies.

This is our first step in utilizing technology to provide enhanced services to our customers. The staff of the FCRB will continue to review the process and advise you of further enhancements as they occur. If you have any comments regarding this letter, please contact your Foster Care Rates Consultant at (916) 323-1263.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

PATRICIA A. AGUIAR, Chief
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