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TO: HOLDERS OF THE COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING MANUAL, TITLE 22, DIVISION 6,  
CHAPTER 9.5, FOSTER FAMILY HOMES

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**Section 89405**

This manual letter has been posted on the Office of Regulations Development website at [http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/ord/FosterFami\\_629.htm](http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/ord/FosterFami_629.htm).

The pages for the above referenced manual letter contained an error in Section 89405(a). Please replace the pages in your manual with the attached pages. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused you.

Attachments

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**Article 4. PLACEMENT****89400 LICENSURE IS NOT AN ENTITLEMENT TO PLACEMENT 89400**

- (a) A license is required prior to placement, but the license does not entitle the caregiver to placement of a child pursuant to Section 16507.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

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- (1) Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16507.5 provides in part:

The granting of a community care license or approval status does not entitle the caregiver to the placement of a specific child or children. Placement is based on the child's needs and best interest.

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NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 1530, 1530.5, and 1531, Health and Safety Code; and Section 21 of Assembly Bill (AB) 1695 (Chapter 653, Statutes of 2001). Reference: Sections 1501 and 1501.1, Health and Safety Code; and Section 16507.5, Welfare and Institutions Code.

**89405 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS 89405**

- (a) Any time a child is in the home, at least one of the persons providing regular and routine care and supervision to the child shall have received current training in first aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Training shall be obtained from an agency offering such training including, but not limited to, the American Red Cross, and shall be current and appropriate to the child's age and needs.
- (b) The caregiver is required to complete a minimum of 12 hours of training prior to placement of a child in the home and a minimum of 8 hours of annual training as required in Health and Safety Code Section 1529.2. In addition, the caregiver shall complete first aid and CPR training as required in Section 89405(a).

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- (1) Health and Safety Code Section 1529.2 provides:

"(a) In addition to the foster parent training provided pursuant to Section 903.7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, foster family agencies shall supplement the community college training by providing a program of training for their certified foster families.

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## 89405 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

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- "(b) (1) Every licensed foster parent shall complete a minimum of 12 hours of foster parent training, as prescribed in paragraph (3), before the placement of any foster children with the foster parent. In addition, a foster parent shall complete a minimum of eight hours of foster parent training annually as prescribed in paragraph (4). No child shall be placed in a foster family home unless these requirements are met by the persons in the home who are serving as the foster parents.
- "(2) (A) Upon the request of the foster parent for a hardship waiver from the postplacement training requirement or a request for an extension of the deadline, the county may, at its option, on a case-by-case basis, waive the postplacement training requirement or extend any established deadline for a period not to exceed one year, if the postplacement training requirement presents a severe and unavoidable obstacle to continuing as a foster parent. Obstacles for which a county may grant a hardship waiver or extension are:
- "(i) Lack of access to training due to the cost or travel required.
- "(ii) Family emergency.
- "(B) Before a waiver or extension may be granted, the foster parent should explore the opportunity of receiving training by video or written materials.
- "(3) The initial preplacement training shall include, but not be limited to, training courses that cover all of the following:
- "(A) An overview of the child protective system.
- "(B) The effects of child abuse and neglect on child development.
- "(C) Positive discipline and the importance of self-esteem.
- "(D) Health issues in foster care.
- "(E) Accessing education and health services available to foster children.
- "(4) The postplacement annual training shall include, but not be limited to, training courses that cover all of the following:

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