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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 15/16-24

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FINAL APPROVED RELATIVE CAREGIVER FUNDING OPTION
PROGRAM GENERAL FUND BASE CASELOAD AND FUNDING
AMOUNTS AND FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 ARC ALLOCATION

REFERENCE: [ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) NO. 14-44, DATED JULY 28, 2014](#)
[ACL NO. 14-89, DATED DECEMBER 16, 2014](#)
[CFL NO. 14/15-45, DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2015](#)
[CFL NO. 14/15-52, DATED MARCH 20, 2015](#)
[CFL NO. 15/16-07, DATED AUGUST 5, 2015](#)
[SENATE BILL 79 \(CHAPTER 20, STATUTES OF 2015\)](#)
[SENATE BILL 855 \(CHAPTER 25, STATUTES OF 2014\)](#)
[WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE, SECTION 11461.3](#)

This letter informs counties of the final base caseload and funding amounts and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 allocation for the Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) Funding Option Program. A total of \$30.1 million General Fund (GF) is available pursuant to Senate Bill 79 (Chapter 20, Statutes of 2015).

The enclosed attachment display the county specific allocation for the ARC program. In consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association, the funds were distributed as follow:

- The Final True-Up base distribution was calculated based on the county specific ARC caseload submitted by counties, as outlined in [CFL No. 15/16-07](#). For those counties who did not submit an ARC caseload, CDSS used a Child Welfare Services/Case Management System and Med-Cal Eligibility Determination System data match from July 2014 to develop the base caseload.

- The FY 2015-16 Initial ARC Allocation distribution was calculated by multiplying the eligible caseload with the Foster Care basic rates and the regional CalWORKs Maximum Aid Payment levels in effect July 1, 2014, as outlined in [ACL No. 14-44](#).
- A minimum ARC GF base of \$10,000 is distributed to participating counties, where the calculated methodology for the ARC county GF fund level is below \$10,000.
- This initial ARC allocation distribution takes into consideration the Cost of Living Adjustment impact, which was based on the foster family home basic rate by age group and the CalWORKs regional Map rates effective July 1, 2015.
- The remaining \$1.1 million is distributed based on each county's percent to total of the \$29 million allocation distribution.

Appropriate adjustment will be made during the year-end closeout to redistribute county specific unspent funds to those counties who overmatch their allocation.

Assistance Claiming:

Effective with the March 2015 claiming month, five new aid codes are available for use on the CA 800 ARC claim, which will be utilized to capture assistance costs associated with the ARC program. Please refer to [CFL No. 14/15-52](#), for further claiming instructions.

Any questions concerning the true-up base and FY 2015-16 ARC GF allocation should be directed to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov. Any general questions related to the ARC Program can be directed to ARCFO@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

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Attachment

FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 APPROVED RELATIVE CAREGIVER (ARC) GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION

COUNTY	TOTAL ARC ELIGIBLE CASELOAD	FINAL TRUE-UP BASE DISTRIBUTION	FY 2015-16		
			FY 2015-16 INITIAL ARC ALLOCATION	ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE FUNDS DISTRIBUTION	FY 2015-16 TOTAL ARC ALLOCATION
Alameda	52	\$252,761	\$253,886	\$9,601	\$263,487
Alpine	0	\$10,000	\$10,034	\$379	\$10,413
Amador	0	\$10,000	\$10,034	\$379	\$10,413
Butte	15	\$72,711	\$72,957	\$2,759	\$75,716
Calaveras	6	\$28,972	\$29,072	\$1,099	\$30,172
Colusa	4	\$17,978	\$18,010	\$681	\$18,691
Contra Costa	84	\$383,554	\$384,761	\$14,550	\$399,310
Del Norte	6	\$29,176	\$29,264	\$1,107	\$30,371
El Dorado	19	\$91,805	\$92,107	\$3,483	\$95,590
Fresno	110	\$515,514	\$516,942	\$19,548	\$536,490
Glenn	8	\$37,733	\$37,831	\$1,431	\$39,262
Humboldt	13	\$68,666	\$69,022	\$2,610	\$71,632
Imperial	7	\$30,790	\$30,830	\$1,166	\$31,996
Inyo	0	\$10,000	\$10,034	\$379	\$10,413
Kern	155	\$714,111	\$715,821	\$27,068	\$742,889
Kings	18	\$81,335	\$81,493	\$3,082	\$84,575
Lake	4	\$16,862	\$16,870	\$638	\$17,508
Lassen	0	\$10,000	\$10,034	\$379	\$10,413
Los Angeles	3431	\$15,445,667	\$15,490,894	\$585,781	\$16,076,675
Madera	13	\$62,426	\$62,626	\$2,368	\$64,994
Marin	7	\$40,572	\$41,100	\$1,554	\$42,654
Mariposa	4	\$26,652	\$27,096	\$1,025	\$28,121
Mendocino	10	\$50,934	\$51,150	\$1,934	\$53,084
Merced	33	\$147,146	\$147,382	\$5,573	\$152,955
Modoc	0	\$10,000	\$10,034	\$379	\$10,413
Mono	0	\$10,000	\$10,034	\$379	\$10,413
Monterey	60	\$315,432	\$317,328	\$12,000	\$329,328
Napa	8	\$40,555	\$40,774	\$1,542	\$42,315
Nevada	0	\$10,000	\$10,034	\$379	\$10,413
Orange	249	\$1,133,737	\$1,137,386	\$43,010	\$1,180,396
Placer	29	\$146,618	\$147,366	\$5,573	\$152,939
Plumas	4	\$21,530	\$21,646	\$819	\$22,464
Riverside	341	\$1,602,487	\$1,606,937	\$60,766	\$1,667,703
Sacramento	101	\$485,839	\$487,397	\$18,431	\$505,828
San Benito	3	\$17,708	\$17,836	\$674	\$18,511
San Bernardino	415	\$1,979,403	\$1,985,517	\$75,081	\$2,060,598
San Diego	424	\$2,026,174	\$2,038,958	\$77,102	\$2,116,060
San Francisco	20	\$97,764	\$98,220	\$3,714	\$101,934
San Joaquin	66	\$345,895	\$348,670	\$13,185	\$361,855
San Luis Obispo	25	\$115,467	\$115,857	\$4,381	\$120,238
San Mateo	26	\$123,932	\$124,429	\$4,705	\$129,134
Santa Barbara	41	\$193,409	\$194,140	\$7,341	\$201,482
Santa Clara	91	\$410,219	\$411,406	\$15,557	\$426,963
Santa Cruz	33	\$150,010	\$150,487	\$5,691	\$156,177
Shasta	17	\$81,047	\$81,301	\$3,074	\$84,375
Sierra	0	\$10,000	\$10,034	\$379	\$10,413
Siskiyou	1	\$10,000	\$10,034	\$379	\$10,413
Solano	41	\$187,601	\$188,200	\$7,117	\$195,317
Sonoma	27	\$132,891	\$133,785	\$5,059	\$138,844
Stanislaus	15	\$88,831	\$89,783	\$3,395	\$93,179
Sutter	2	\$10,000	\$10,034	\$379	\$10,413
Tehama	4	\$20,438	\$20,530	\$776	\$21,306
Trinity	7	\$35,230	\$35,366	\$1,337	\$36,703
Tulare	78	\$371,663	\$372,805	\$14,097	\$386,903
Tuolumne	6	\$27,172	\$27,224	\$1,029	\$28,254
Ventura	90	\$403,080	\$404,448	\$15,294	\$419,742
Yolo	22	\$107,053	\$107,423	\$4,062	\$111,485
Yuba	7	\$36,118	\$36,290	\$1,372	\$37,662
Total	6,252	\$28,912,669	\$29,010,964	\$1,097,036	\$30,108,000