STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 445-0813

July 20, 1984

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-69-84

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS
ALL COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENTS
ALL LICENSED HOMEFINDING AGENCIES

SUBJECT: QUESTIONNAIRE TO ALL LICENSED HOMEFINDING AGENCIES - MAILING ERROR

REFERENCE:

On July 2, 1984, a questionnaire regarding rate setting for homefinding agencies which receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children - Foster Care (AFDC-FC) funding was mailed to all licensed homefinding agencies. It has come to our attention that the State Department of General Services erroneously copied and mailed a State Department of Mental Health notice of public hearing relating to protection of rights of mental patients, instead of the correct cover page and, in addition, mailed the questionnaire to county welfare and probation departments rather than only to homefinding agencies as requested.

Therefore, the purpose of this notice is to: 1) transmit the correct cover letter to all affected agencies for their information, 2) request that county welfare and probation departments disregard the letter and the questionnaire, and 3) again request that licensed homefinding agencies which accept AFDC-FC funding, complete and return the questionnaire.

We are sorry for any inconvenience or confusion this may have caused. If you have any questions regarding this mailing or the questionnaire, please contact Maureen Brackman, Foster Care Program Management Bureau, (916) 445-0813.

KYLE S. McKINSEY
Deputy Director

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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July 2, 1984

TO: ALL LICENSED HOMEFINDING AGENCIES

SUBJECT: HOMEFINDING AGENCY RATE-SETTING SYSTEM FOR AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN-FOSTER CARE (AFDC-FC) CHILDREN

Provisions of AB 2695 (Chapter 977, Statutes of 1982) require the State Department of Social Services, with the advice, assistance, and cooperation of the counties and foster care providers, to develop a rate-setting system for homefinding agencies (HFAs). To assist us in meeting this mandate, the attached questionnaire has been devised to gather information on current practices regarding HFAs and recommendations for future rate-setting. Subsequent to tabulation of questionnaire responses, we will be meeting with provider groups to discuss rate-setting issues.

For purposes of this questionnaire, "county" means the county welfare or probation department, and the following definitions apply:

1. Exclusive Use Home means a family residence certified by a licensed homefinding agency and issued a certificate of approval by that agency as meeting licensing standards, and used exclusively by that homefinding agency for placements [EAS 45-101.1(n)].

2. Homefinding Agency means an individual or organization licensed by the Department and which is engaged in finding exclusive-use homes for placement of persons of any age for temporary or permanent care, or adoption [EAS 45-101.1(u)].

3. Small Family Home means any residential facility in the licensee's family residence providing 24-hour a day care for six or fewer children who are mentally disordered, developmentally disabled or physically handicapped and who require special care and supervision as a result of such disabilities [California Administrative Code, Title 22, Section 80001 (a) (44)].

Please complete this questionnaire in as much detail as possible as the information you provide will help us develop a rate-setting system for HFAs. Please submit your responses by July 23, 1984 to:

Department of Social Services
Foster Care Program Management Bureau
744 P Street, MS 7-185
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Maureen Brackman

If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Brackman at (916) 445-0813.

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