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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 12-32

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL FOSTER CARE MANAGERS
TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES
ALL INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM COORDINATORS
ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGERS
ALL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES
ALL COUNTY CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: ELIGIBILITY AID CODE INFORMATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE EXTENSION OF FOSTER CARE BEYOND AGE 18

REFERENCE: ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 12 (CHAPTER 559, STATUTES OF 2010);
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE (W&IC) SECTION 11403(G);
ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 11-78, DATED NOVEMBER 30, 2011;
ACL NO. 11-77, DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2011; ACL NO. 11-61,
DATED NOVEMBER 4, 2011; ACL NO. 11-69, DATED
OCTOBER 13, 2011; COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 11/12-18,
DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2011; CFL NO. 10/11-64, DATED
MAY 2, 2011; CFL NO. 11/12-32, DATED DECEMBER 14, 2011,
ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) NO. 40-11,
DATED JULY 1, 2011

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

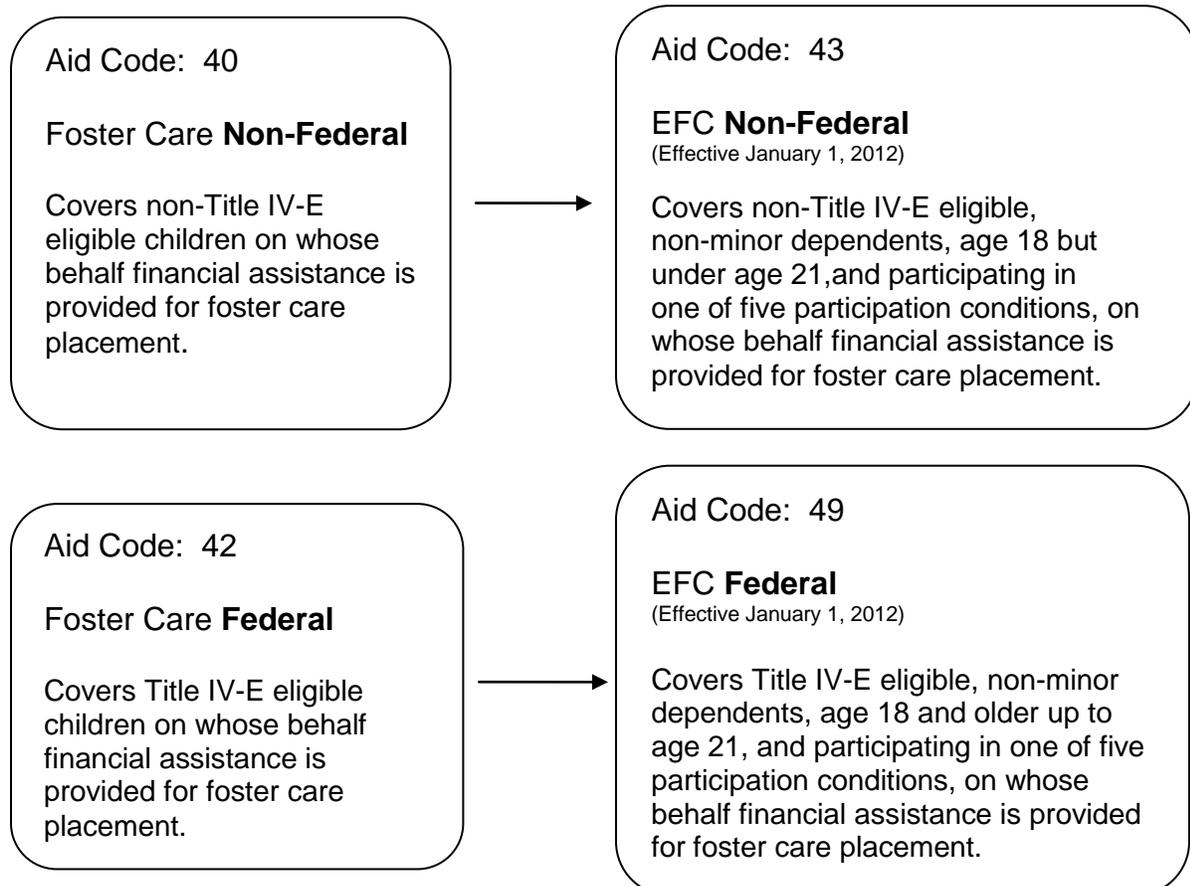
- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

This ACL provides county eligibility and payment systems with aid codes and claiming instructions for the CA 800 related to AB 12 Extended Foster Care (EFC) Program. These instructions will assist counties to appropriately identify the proper aid codes for federal and non-federal reimbursement in the tracking of expenditures and activities that are eligible for reimbursement under AB 12. A subsequent CFL will be issued with instructions for reimbursement of the federal match, once federal approval is received.

Additionally, these instructions clarify and correct aid code information disseminated in CFL No. 11/12-32, dated December 14, 2011, and CFL No. 11/12-32E, dated March 2, 2012. These aid codes are now available in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Determination System.

AB 12 allows California to implement provisions of Public Law (PL) 110-351, the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008. This law provides states the option to fund the federal Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (Kin-GAP) Program through the Title IV-E option of the Social Security Act for relatives who assume legal guardianship of foster youth. AB 12 also allows the extension of foster care (EFC), extension of benefits for the federal Kin-GAP, Kin-GAP, and Adoptions Assistance Program (AAP) to eligible youth up to age 21 on a staggered schedule.

The extension of benefits up to age 19 implemented on January 1, 2012. On January 1, 2013, the extension of benefits will increase to age 20. On January 1, 2014, if the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) determines that there are sufficient funds available, benefits may be extended up to age 21. Below are the aid codes for the Foster Care Program, the EFC Program, the Kin-GAP Programs and the AAP Programs.



Aid Code: 03

AAP Federal

A cash grant program to facilitate the adoption of hard-to-place children under age 18 and those up to age 21 based on a disability that would require permanent foster care placement without such assistance.



Aid Code: 07

EFC AAP Federal

(Effective January 1, 2012)

A cash grant program to facilitate the ongoing adoptive placement of hard-to-place non-minors, whose initial AAP payment occurred on or after age 16, and age 18 and older up to age 21, and participating in one of five conditions who would require permanent foster care placement without such assistance.

Aid Code: 4T

Kin-GAP Federal

Serves former and current Title IV-E eligible foster youth up to 18 years old through establishment of a relative guardianship. Includes disabled youth under 21 years old through 2011.



Aid Code: 4S

EFC Kin-GAP Federal

(Effective January 1, 2012)

Serves former and current Title IV-E eligible Kin-GAP youth age 18 and older up to age 21, where the youth attained 16 years of age before Kin-GAP payments commenced and the youth is participating in one or more of the five participation conditions. Also serves disabled former and current Kin-GAP youth up to 21 years old.

Aid Code: 4F

Kin-GAP Non-Federal

Serves former and current non-Title IV-E eligible foster youth up to 18 years old including new and existing Persons who are Permanently Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOL) cases.



Aid Code: 4W

EFC Kin-GAP Non-Federal
(Effective January 1, 2012)

Serves former and current non-Title IV-E eligible Kin-GAP youth age 18 and older up to age 21, where the youth attained 16 years of age before Kin-GAP payments commenced and the youth is participating in one or more of the five participation conditions. Includes PRUCOL cases over 18 years, but under 21 years.

Aid Code: 4G

Kin-GAP Non-Federal
(Effective January 1, 2012)

Serves former and current non-Title IV-E eligible Kin-GAP youth over 18 years up to 21 years old due to a disability. (Non TANF MOE countable)

Aid Code: 4N

CalWORKs (NMD)
(Effective January 1, 2012)

Provides full scope, no share of cost Medi-Cal benefits and state assistance payment to non-minor dependents over 18 years up to 21 years old, living with an approved CalWORKs relative who is not eligible for Kin-GAP or foster care.

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QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AID CODES

Questions concerning the program eligibility requirements should be directed to the Foster Care Funding and Eligibility Unit, at (916) 651-9152. Questions concerning Kin-GAP Program policy should be directed to the Kinship Care Policy and Support Unit, at (916) 657-1858, or AB12@dss.ca.gov. Questions concerning fiscal claiming and reporting should be directed to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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