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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 83- 79

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL LICENSED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL DSS DISTRICT ADOPTION OFFICES

SUBJECT: DUE DATES: PERMANENCY PLANNING HEARINGS

The purpose of this letter is to remind counties of the importance of due dates for permanency planning hearings, as described in ACL 82-112, (November 3, 1982) and 83-41, (May 5, 1983).

The factors determining due dates in individual cases are as follows:

1. Every child placed in foster care pursuant to a court order prior to April 1, 1982 must receive a completed permanency planning hearing by September 30, 1983.
2. Every child placed in foster care pursuant to a court order between April 1, 1982 and October 1, 1982 must have a permanency planning hearing which commences no later than 12 months after the date of placement and is completed no later than 18 months from the date of placement.
3. Every child placed in foster care pursuant to a court order on or after October 1, 1982 must have a permanency planning hearing which commences no later than 12 months after the date of placement and is completed no later than 18 months from the date of placement.

Compliance with these due dates is necessary to assure conformity with the federally approved PL 96-272/SB 14/AB 2695 implementation plan. Failure to meet these requirements will result in loss of AFDC-FC funding for children whose hearings are not completed.

Children for whom a Civil Code 232 action or guardianship proceeding has been commenced, but not completed, are exempt from permanency planning hearing requirements under WIC 366.25(i). However, any such child who is receiving AFDC-FC is subject to the permanency planning hearing requirements pursuant to WIC 11404.1. Therefore, permanency planning hearings must be conducted for children described under WIC 366.25(i) who are receiving AFDC-FC funds.

It is also important that the court order clearly state that the hearing was a permanency planning hearing.

If you have further questions regarding the above, please contact your program management consultant at (916) 445-7653 or ATSS 485-7653.



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