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CIT Name:	ACL 21-139 Case Flags for Tracking QRTP Requirements
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Purpose

The purpose of this CIT is to provide CalSAWS counties with information and instruction regarding tracking and case flags implemented with ACL 21-139.

Background

ACL 21-139 provides information on tracking of otherwise federally eligible youth placed in certain residential facilities that do not meet the requirements for the placement setting defined in Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Part IV as a qualified residential treatment program (QRTP) or when the requirements for a child's placement into an QRTP are not met.

Additional Information

FFPSA Part IV amends the Title IV-E Foster Care program to limit the circumstances under which Federal Financial Participation (FFP) may be claimed for placement of an otherwise federally eligible child in certain facility types. Effective 10/1/2021 all new placements and placement changes made into a congregate setting home including but not limited to short-term residential therapeutic program (STRTP) facilities requires additional actions for tracking and claiming. If the

placement fails to meet assessment, documentation, or judicial determination requirement FFP cannot be claimed.

- If a Residential Facility Does Not Meet QRTP Requirements, including Lack of Accreditation – FFP is available for the first 14 days of the placement or change of placement made on or after October 1, 2021.
- If Qualified Individual (QI) Assessment Is Not Conducted Timely - No FFP is available, including for the first 14 days of the placement, even when the facility meets all QRTP requirements.
- If the Court Does Not Make a Timely Determination - FFP is limited to the first 60 days of the placement.
- If the QI Determines That a Placement is Not Appropriate - FFP is available only for the time necessary to transition the child to an alternative, suitable placement, not to exceed 30 days from the date of the QI determination.
- If the Court Disapproves of a Placement – FFP is available only for the time necessary to transition the child to an alternative, suitable placement, not to exceed 30 days from the date the court disapproved the placement.

For more information, please refer to ACL 21-139.

For State reporting and claiming, until system changes are implemented to support the policy in ACL 21-139, the counties must manually track the impacted foster care cases.

To assist the CalSAWS Counties with tracking the impacted foster care cases, SCR CA-235616 implemented the case flags listed in the County Action.

County Action

Until automation can occur, counties will need to identify a way to manually track issuances for claiming and reporting outside of CalSAWS

Eligibility staff will select the following case flags as appropriate for all placements subject to the FFPSA requirements in ACL 21-139:

- **Review for Accreditation**
Can be used to flag when a child is placed in a non-accredited STRTP.
- **Review for QI Assessment**
Can be used to flag when a QI assessment was not completed on time or when a QI disapproved the placement.
- **Review for Court Determination**
Can be used to flag that a Court determination was not completed on time or when a Court disapproved the placement.
- **Non-STRTP Res Fac No FFP** Can be used to flag when a child is placed into a residential setting other than a STRTP, such as a Vendorized Regional Center Foster Care Placement, where the placement does not meet QRTP requirements and therefore no FFP may be claimed.

The above case flags correspond with the changes to the FC1 in the CA 800 Claim outlined in the companion CFL and will allow counties to narrow down which requirements may have caused the loss of eligibility for claiming purposes

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