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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 21-141E

The purpose of this Errata is to correct the effective date listed in [ACL 21-141](#) and clarify other policy language.



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL FOSTER CARE ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISORS
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL ADOPTION REGIONAL AND FIELD OFFICES
ALL REGIONAL CENTERS
ALL TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES
ALL SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREAS
CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: APPROVED RELATIVE CAREGIVER (ARC) PROGRAM FOR
OUT-OF-STATE CHILDREN AND NONMINOR DEPENDENTS
(NMD) ERRATA

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER ([ACL 21-141](#), [ACL 16-92](#). WELFARE AND
INSTITUTIONS CODE [\(WIC\) 11461.3](#).

All County Letter [\(ACL\) 21-141](#) inadvertently lists the effective date for out-of-state Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) payments as January 1, 2021, this Errata corrects the effective date to January 1, 2022.

Further, the following language is changed. The sentence:

The county will claim the amount for an AU of one to California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and the remaining to the ARC claim for reimbursement.

Shall be replaced with:

The county will claim the amount corresponding to the CalWORKs portion of the rate (if any) to the "CalWORKs Portion" line on the CA 800 ARC claim and the entire amount of the rate to the "Main Payroll" line (or other appropriate payroll line) of the CA 800 ARC claim.

And the sentence:

Counties will utilize the Nonstandard Payment option to record and issue the non-CalWORKs portion of the payment accordingly.

Shall be replaced with:

Counties should follow their current business process to issue a payment to an approved relative caretaker living in another State.

It is noted again that all other ARC rules and policies remain in effect and unchanged. To clarify, overpayments and child support rules are still in accordance with [ACL 16-92](#). Offsets will apply as stated in [WIC 11461.3\(d\)](#) and [11461.3\(i\)\(2\)](#). Nothing in this ACL changes a foster child or nonminor dependent's (NMDs) eligibility to receive CalWORKs when placed in another state. Accordingly, if the child is placed in a state where the host state's foster care rate is lower than California's CalWORKs AU of one, then the relative caregiver can opt to receive CalWORKs instead of ARC. Counties should inform caregivers of the option to receive CalWORKs payments or receive ARC.

Consistent with the new ARC policy identified in ACL 21-141, the CDSS is in the process of making changes as needed to the ARC NOA's, forms, and/or publications.

If you have any questions on ARC policy or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the Rates Policy mailbox at ratespolicy@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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