



WILL LIGHTBOURNE  
DIRECTOR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
744 P Street • Sacramento, CA 95814 • [www.cdss.ca.gov](http://www.cdss.ca.gov)



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
GOVERNOR

November 17, 2015

COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 15/16-32

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY CHILD WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 POST 2011 REALIGNMENT CHILD  
WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAMS ALLOCATION – CASE  
RECORD REVIEWS

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 14-84, DATED  
NOVEMBER 20, 2014;  
COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 14/15-37,  
DATED JANUARY 16, 2015;  
CFL NO. 14/15-39, DATED JANUARY 16, 2015;  
ACL NO. 15-34, DATED MARCH 15, 2015;  
ACL NO. 15-77, DATED OCTOBER 14, 2015  
SENATE BILL (SB) 1013 (CHAPTER 35, STATUTES OF 2012)

The California Department of Social Services, in collaboration with the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) and the Department of Finance, has created a new Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 Post 2011 Realignment Child Welfare Services (CWS) allocation that will include all CWS premises resulting from new legislation, regulations, executive orders or administrative directives, plans or waivers, including amendments to plans or waivers, and judicial and administrative proceedings, both federal and state, which have the overall effect of increasing costs borne by the child welfare agency.

The Budget Act of 2015 includes costs for several state and federally required activities since the passage of 2011 Realignment related to child welfare services, which includes the following premises:

- Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (Strengthening Families Act)
- After 18 Terminated Guardianship and Adoption

- After 18 Supervised Independent Living Placement Infant Payment
- CWS Case Record Reviews
- Foster Youth Credit Reports (Strengthening Families Act)
- Notification of Relatives (Strengthening Families Act)
- Pregnant Minors and Nonminor Dependents (Strengthening Families Act)
- Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard (Strengthening Families Act)
- Reports of Child Near Fatalities
- Sibling Visitations

The attachment displays the allocation for CWS Case Record Reviews as the first premise for this new allocation. As the other post 2011 realignment premises from the list above are implemented, they will be added to the FY 2015-16 Post 2011 Realignment CWS allocation.

A total of \$6.6 million General Fund (GF) is available for the CWS Case Record Reviews, which are federally required.

The CWS Case Record Reviews will include an extensive online review process and in-depth interviews for individuals involved in the case plan for each case selected to undergo a review. Each county child welfare and probation agency will perform reviews on an ongoing basis, which must be at least monthly for child welfare and quarterly for probation. For implementation details please refer to [ACL NO. 15-77](#).

As stated in the California Constitution Article XIII section 36, section (5)(A), "...if there are subsequent changes in federal statutes or regulations that alter the conditions under which federal matching funds as described in the 2011 Realignment Legislation are obtained, and have the overall effect of increasing the costs incurred by a local agency, the State shall annually provide at least 50 percent of the nonfederal share of those costs as determined by the State." Therefore, the nonfederal portion of costs associated with this federal mandate is funded at 50 percent state GF and 50 percent county funds, up to each county's FY 2015-16 Post 2011 Realignment CWS allocation. This applies to any federally mandated programs/activities implemented by new legislation after the passage of Senate Bill 1013.

In consultation with the CWDA, this allocation is distributed based on a percent to total of the number full time equivalents required to review cases annually, as specified in [ACL NO. 15-77](#).

Counties should claim costs to Program Code 922 – CWS Case Reviews. The State Use Only (SUO) code 923 (SUO-NON-FEDERAL CWS) will be used to capture non-federally eligible costs after the Title IV-E nonfederal discount rate is applied. Expenditures exceeding the GF allocation will be shifted to county only funding via

CFL No. 15/16-32  
Page Three

SUO 924 – SUO CWS- Case Reviews Overmatch. For claiming instructions, please refer to [CFL NO. 14/15-37](#).

Please direct any questions regarding this CFL to the Fiscal Systems Bureau at [fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov](mailto:fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

LILIA A. YOUNG, Chief  
Financial Management and Contracts Branch

Attachment

**FISCAL YEAR 2015-16  
POST 2011 REALIGNMENT CHILD  
WELFARE SERVICES ALLOCATION**

| County          | Case Record Review |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Alameda*        | \$169,125          |
| Alpine          | \$42,617           |
| Amador          | \$42,617           |
| Butte*          | \$126,844          |
| Calaveras       | \$85,235           |
| Colusa          | \$42,617           |
| Contra Costa    | \$170,470          |
| Del Norte       | \$85,235           |
| El Dorado       | \$127,852          |
| Fresno          | \$170,470          |
| Glenn           | \$85,235           |
| Humboldt        | \$127,852          |
| Imperial        | \$127,852          |
| Inyo            | \$42,617           |
| Kern            | \$170,470          |
| Kings           | \$127,852          |
| Lake            | \$84,562           |
| Lassen          | \$42,617           |
| Los Angeles*    | \$169,125          |
| Madera          | \$127,852          |
| Marin           | \$85,235           |
| Mariposa        | \$42,617           |
| Mendocino       | \$127,852          |
| Merced          | \$127,852          |
| Modoc           | \$42,617           |
| Mono            | \$42,617           |
| Monterey        | \$127,852          |
| Napa            | \$85,235           |
| Nevada          | \$85,235           |
| Orange          | \$170,470          |
| Placer          | \$127,852          |
| Plumas          | \$42,617           |
| Riverside       | \$170,470          |
| Sacramento*     | \$169,125          |
| San Benito      | \$85,235           |
| San Bernardino  | \$170,470          |
| San Diego       | \$169,125          |
| San Francisco*  | \$169,125          |
| San Joaquin     | \$170,470          |
| San Luis Obispo | \$127,852          |
| San Mateo       | \$127,852          |
| Santa Barbara   | \$127,852          |
| Santa Clara*    | \$169,125          |
| Santa Cruz      | \$127,852          |
| Shasta          | \$127,852          |
| Sierra          | \$42,617           |
| Siskiyou        | \$85,235           |
| Solano          | \$127,852          |
| Sonoma*         | \$126,844          |
| Stanislaus      | \$170,470          |
| Sutter          | \$85,235           |
| Tehama          | \$85,235           |
| Trinity         | \$42,678           |
| Tulare          | \$170,470          |
| Tuolumne        | \$85,235           |
| Ventura         | \$170,470          |
| Yolo            | \$127,852          |
| Yuba            | \$85,235           |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>\$6,595,000</b> |

\*The allocations for the counties participating in the Title IV-E California Well Being Project will also be reflected in the forthcoming waiver CFL.