
**ORANGE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY
PDU DISPATCH**

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Dual Agency and Infant Supplement Rates

Purpose To provide guidelines for Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) eligibility for Dual Agency and Infant Supplement Rates.

Background Current policy allows a Dual Agency Rate and supplement to the Dual Agency Rate, for a child receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC), Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (Kin-GAP) or Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) benefits, when the child is also a consumer of Regional Center services.

Current policy also allows an infant supplement to be paid to the caregiver of a child, or non-minor dependent (NMD) who is a parent of a dependent or non-dependent child, receiving AFDC-FC or Kin-GAP payments.

Senate Bill (SB) 89 (2017) expanded benefits to children who are receiving Regional Center services and placed with a relative receiving Approved Relative Caregivers (ARC) payments to be eligible for a Dual Agency Rate and supplement to the Dual Agency Rate. Recipients of ARC payments may also qualify for an infant supplement. This change in benefits became effective July 1, 2017. Subsequent direction was provided in All County Information Notice (ACIN) I-90-18, to support full implementation.

Definitions **Dual Agency Child:** A child who receives AFDC-FC, Kin-GAP, ARC, or AAP benefits and who is concurrently a consumer of California Regional Center services:

- Due to a developmental disability, as defined by the Lanterman Act
- Or–
- Under the California Early Start Intervention Services Act

Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC): Financial assistance that pays an approved relative caregiver a monthly rate in return for the care and supervision of a child/NMD who is ineligible for AFDC-FC. The ARC payment is equal to the basic rate paid to foster care providers for a child/NMD eligible for AFDC-FC.

POLICY

- Benefits/Rates**
- A. **Dual Agency Rates:**
Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section (§) 11464, children who are consumers of Regional Center services and also receiving AFDC-FC, ARC, Kin-GAP, or AAP benefits are eligible for a Dual Agency Rate.
- Pursuant to WIC §§ 11464 and 11403, non-minor dependents (NMDs) under 21 years of age who are consumers of Regional Center services and also receiving AFDC-FC, ARC, or Kin-GAP benefits are eligible for a Dual Agency Rate.
- Children receiving services under the California Early Start Intervention Services Act (aka Early Start) who are not yet determined by Regional Center to have a developmental disability, but who are receiving AFDC-FC, ARC, or Kin-GAP benefits are eligible for a Dual Agency Rate.
- B. **Dual Agency Rate Supplement:**
Children/NMDs who are both consumers of Regional Center services and recipients of AFDC-FC, ARC, Kin-GAP, or AAP benefits may also be eligible for a supplement to the Dual Agency Rate. The supplement is available for persons three years of age and older, if the child/NMD has a need for extraordinary care and supervision that cannot be met within the established Dual Agency Rate.
- Dual Agency Rates are listed in [Attachment 1—Foster Care Rates](#) of CFS P&P [Foster Care Rates \(H-0112\)](#).
- C. **Infant Supplement:**
Pursuant to WIC § 11465, an infant supplement will be paid to the recipient of an AFDC-FC, Kin-GAP or ARC payment for the care and supervision of a dependent or non-dependent infant in their care.

Infant Supplement Rates by placement type are listed in [Attachment 1—Foster Care Rates](#) of CFS P&P [Foster Care Rates \(H-0112\)](#).

Rate Requests A. **Requesting a Dual Agency Rate:**

A request for a Dual Agency Rate requires completion of a *Specialized Foster Care Request (F063-28-164)* by the assigned Senior Social Worker (SSW) accompanied by a Regional Center Letter indicating the child/NMD qualifies as a Regional Center consumer or is receiving services under California Early Intervention Services Act (aka Early Start).

Refer to [Attachment 4—Suggested Guidelines for Rate Setting](#) of CFS P&P [Foster Care Rates \(H-0112\)](#), for procedural guidelines to establish a Dual Agency Rate.

B. **Requesting a Dual Agency Rate Supplement:**

A supplement to the Dual Agency Rate may be requested either directly by a dual agency child/NMD's caregiver or through a referral from Regional Center. Information about a dual agency child/NMD will be provided by the Regional Center service coordinator or other professionals as needed. The assigned social worker will use this information to determine eligibility and the appropriate level of supplement to the Dual Agency Rate.

Refer to [Attachment 4—Suggested Guidelines for Rate Setting](#) of CFS P&P [Foster Care Rates \(H-0112\)](#), for procedural guidelines to establish a supplement to the Dual Agency Rate.

C. **Requesting an Infant Supplement:**

Refer to [Attachment 4—Suggested Guidelines for Rate Setting](#) of CFS [P&P Foster Care Rates \(H-0112\)](#), for procedural guidelines to request an infant supplement.

REFERENCES

Attachments and CWS/CMS Data Entry Standards

Hyperlinks are provided below to access attachments to this P&P and any CWS/CMS Data Entry Standards that are referenced.

- [Attachment 1—Foster Care Rates](#) of CFS P&P [Foster Care Rates \(H-0112\)](#)
- [Attachment 4—Suggested Guidelines for Rate Setting](#) of CFS P&P [Foster Care Rates \(H-0112\)](#)

FORMS

Online Forms Forms listed below may be printed out and completed, or completed online, and may be accessed by clicking on the link provided.

Form Name	Form Number
Specialized Foster Care Request	F063-28-164

LEGAL MANDATES

[Welfare and Institution Code \(WIC\) Section \(§\) 11464](#) provides details regarding eligibility for Dual Agency Rate and supplement to the Dual Agency Rate.

[WIC § 11465](#) provides details regarding eligibility for an infant supplement.

[WIC § 11403](#) provides for a NMDs continued eligibility for a Dual Agency Rate based on continuation of ARC payments.

[All County Letter \(ACL\) 08-54](#) details the process for requesting a supplement to the Dual Agency Rate.

[ACL 17-112](#) implements change to ARC benefits, effective July 1, 2017.

[All County Information Notice \(ACIN\) I-90-18](#) clarifies ARC eligibility for Dual Agency Rate and supplement to the Rate.