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RESIDENTIALLY BASED SERVICES (RBS) LETTER NO. 06-11

**TO: SELECTED COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
SELECTED COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
SELECTED COUNTY CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
SELECTED RBS PROVIDERS**

**SUBJECT: REVISED RBS CLAIM FOR THE JUNE 2011 QUARTER AND
JULY 2011 FORWARD, REVISED AS FOLLOWS:**

**CHANGING THE FEDERAL FUNDING RATE FOR AMERICAN
RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) TO
51.2 PERCENT FOR THE APRIL – JUNE 2011 QUARTER**

**CHANGING THE FEDERAL FUNDING RATE TO NORMAL
FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE (FMAP) OF
50.0 PERCENT FOR THE JULY – SEPTEMBER 2011 QUARTER**

**ASSOCIATED CHANGES ON THE RBS OVERPAYMENT AND
RBS PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT REPORT TABS TO
REFLECT THESE REVISED FEDERAL RATES**

**REFERENCE: RBS LETTER NO. 05-11, DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 2011 (RBS
CLAIM FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARCH 2011
QUARTER)**

**RBS LETTER NO. 03-11, DATED JUNE 21, 2011 (REVISED RBS
CLAIM FOR THE SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER 2010
QUARTERS)**

**RBS LETTER NO. 01-11, DATED FEBRUARY 14, 2011 (RBS
CLAIM FORMS FOR THE SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER 2010
QUARTERS)**

**COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 11/12-18, FISCAL YEAR
2011-12 REALIGNMENT 2011, DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2011**

This letter provides information on the RBS Foster Care (FC) claim changes for the April – June 2011 quarter and July 2011 forward. The changes are due to the step down of federal funding rates under ARRA for these periods. The federal funding rate

under ARRA for the April – June 2011 quarter has been reduced to 51.2 percent. The federal funding rate will return to the normal 50 percent FMAP rate effective July 1, 2011.

The claim forms have been revised to reflect the updated federal rates for the associated time periods and are described below. Counties are to use the instructions provided in RBS Letter No. 05-11, dated September 2, 2011, to file a claim.

April through June 2011 Claiming Quarter

- The federal reimbursement rate has been revised to 51.2 percent under the ARRA provisions, down from 53.2 percent in the January – March 2011 quarter.
- The RBS overpayment tab has been expanded to include a new reporting section for overpayments related to the April – June 2011 quarter.

July 2011 and Forward

As stated in CFL No. 11/12-18, dated September 16, 2011, Assembly Bill 118 realigns the funding for the FC program from the state to local governments and redirects specified tax revenues to fund this effort. The state share for the impacted RBS FC programs will be re-titled "County 2011" effective with the July 2011 claiming month.

- The federal reimbursement rate will be revised to 50.0 percent, down from 51.2 percent in the April – June 2011 quarter.

General Claim Instructions

Counties are to use these claim templates for the April – June 2011 quarter to file the original monthly claims for this period. Claims in any other format will not be accepted by California Department of Social Services (CDSS).

Counties should correctly report all RBS Emergency Assistance related costs, RBS related overpayments, and prior period adjustment activity on the RBS templates.

Please refer to RBS Letter No. 01-11, dated February 14, 2011, and RBS Letter No. 03-11, dated February 14, 2011, for assistance claiming instructions.

The signed certified claim form must be submitted to CDSS within 30 days from the end of each claimed quarter. Counties must retain the original signed claim form (if faxed) and supporting documents for the claimed cost for audit purposes.

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The invoice should be mailed or faxed to:

California Department of Social Services
Financial Services Bureau
744 P Street, MS 9-5-27
Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax Number: (916) 653-7032

The new RBS claim workbook with the applicable revised federal rates for each quarter may be downloaded at:

<http://www.cdsscounties.ca.gov/AAC/aac.htm>

If you have fiscal policy questions, please contact Linda Orozco in Fiscal Policy at (916) 651-8053. Assistance claiming questions can be directed to assistance.claims@dss.ca.gov. Questions regarding realignment may be directed to CDSSAB118@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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c: CWDA