EL DORADO COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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Specialized Care Increment (SCI) Criteria

A child that meets criteria under multiple levels qualifies for the highest level

Level:	One	Two	Three	Four
Description:	Additional Care	Moderate Care	Intense Care	Therapeutic Care
Rate:	$210.00	$368.00	$551.00	$1,050.00
Comments:	*The children at this level have medical and/or behavioral problems, which require additional individual attention from the foster parents in supervision and/or care.*	*Children at this level routinely require moderate care. To be eligible for this level, two or more of the following conditions are necessary.*	*This level requires prior program manager approval. Children at this level have severe mental and/or physical problems beyond those described in Level Two and require intense supervision.*	*No more than two, Level Four children may be placed in a single foster family home. Foster parents with Level 4 children are eligible for respite care reimbursement for two nights a month at $50/night. Receipt forms are available upon request.* *If the criterion chosen is not terminal illness the foster parent must commit to housing the child up to 14 consecutive nights. Precautions may need to be taken to have some things (such as medications and car keys) inaccessible to the child.*
A. Child Qualifying Criteria:	Symptoms of drug withdrawal or moderate chronic conditions, such as delayed development resulting from prenatal drug exposure Behavior from moderate Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAE), or Downs Syndrome Moderate developmental disabilities [*continued*]	Chronic medical condition such as cerebral palsy or heart condition requiring special treatment not available through the regular pediatrician or general/family physician, etc Transportation to visits or doctors' appointments a distance of 60+ miles (round-trip each) at least twice a month [*continued*]	Severe medical and/or developmental implications requiring constant supervision by caretaker Emotional/behavioral problems such as recent substance abuse, repeated self-destructive behavior, severe depression, severe anxiety, property destruction, and/or physical assault [*continued*]	The child is determined by the medical profession to be in the end stages of a terminal illness. Documentation is necessary from a medical practitioner (physician, registered nurse, etc.) indicating the child is in the end stages and the foster parent has received the required specialized care training for that child [*continued*]

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A. Child Qualifying Criteria: [*continued*]	**Moderate emotional disability disrupting the foster family home and requiring therapy** **Moderate destructive behavior or physical aggression** **Inappropriate behavior of sexual abuse victims (such as public masturbation), requiring intervention** **Moderate physical, speech, or occupational therapy and the need for other intervention programs (e.g. PRIDE and Joy, UCD Medical Center, etc.)** **Condition requiring psychotropic drug treatment** **Treatment for asthma with a nebulizer and RSV** **Supervised or unsupervised visits, where the foster parent is required to wait in the area for more than one hour to return the child to the foster home, more than twice a month** **Educational problems and/or learning disabilities requiring that the foster parent meet with school personnel 3 4 times monthly** **Failure to thrive (current age 0 - 3 years) with complications requiring special feeding** **Enuresis less than twice a week (current age 4+ years)** **Encopresis (current age 4+ years)** **Stealing (current age 4+ years)**	**Ongoing monitoring of environmental conditions for chronic medical conditions, which could result in hospitalization** **Suicidal ideations** **Increased supervision to deal with inappropriate sexual behavior toward other children** **Enuresis or encopresis (more than twice a week and current age 5+ years)** **Supervised visits by foster parent required more than four times a month.** **Severe behavioral traits related to emotional delays, FAS, FAE, Downs Syndrome, or physical/sexual aggression.**	**Life-threatening medical condition (such as AIDS, cancer, etc.), which requires foster parents to actively carry out parts of the treatment** **Severe epilepsy, shunt, tube feeding, or on oxygen, apnea monitor, pulse/oxygen monitor**	**The child has been released from, or has failed, a group home placement (level 10 - 14) within the last 30 days** **The child has been released from juvenile hall or a psychiatric facility within the last 30 days** **The child is waiting for a group home placement (level 10 - 14) as selected by the Placement Review Committee** **The child is in the SB 163 Wraparound program**

B. Special care may include, but is not limited to:	**Prepare special diets, different from the family's meals** **Provide school-recommended tutoring** **Provide excessive in-county transportation not including transportation to school (service plan requires more than two times weekly with a distance of at least 30 miles each trip)** **Assist placement worker with necessary documentation for specialized rates** **Complete and comply with specialized service plan agreement** **Cope with disruptive behavior** **Provide close supervision for the child** **Provide all transportation in county and reasonable out-of-county (to be negotiated)** **Participate in counseling with foster child, if deemed necessary by the therapist** **Maintain and complete necessary paperwork, a journal, incident reports, and any other necessary documentation** **Arrange medical and dental check-ups within 30 days of placement (if necessary)**	**Provide close supervision of the child** **Maintain ongoing involvement with community resources such as school, therapy, and medical treatments for frequent and continuing consultation** **Participate in conferences and/or direct participation in therapy** **Assist placement worker with necessary documentation for specialized rates** **Complete and comply with specialized service plan agreement** **Cope with disruptive behavior** **Provide close supervision for the child** **Provide all transportation in county and reasonable out-of-county (to be negotiated)** **Participate in counseling with foster child, if deemed necessary by the therapist** **Maintain and complete necessary paperwork, a journal, incident reports, and any other necessary documentation** **Arrange medical and dental check-ups within 30 days of placement (if necessary)**	**Be responsible for implementing a treatment program in home** **Supervise parent-child visits on non-molest cases (unless not appropriate due to behavior of birth parent)** **Work as a parent model during reunification phase** **Participate in Wraparound, System of Care, or any other required special program** **Assist placement worker with necessary documentation for specialized rates** **Complete and comply with specialized service plan agreement** **Cope with disruptive behavior** **Provide close supervision for the child** **Provide all transportation in county and reasonable out-of-county (to be negotiated)** **Participate in counseling with foster child, if deemed necessary by the therapist** **Maintain and complete necessary paperwork, a journal, incident reports, and any other necessary documentation** **Arrange medical and dental check-ups within 30 days of placement (if necessary)**	**Be responsible for implementing a treatment program in home** **Supervise parent-child visits on non-molest cases (unless not appropriate due to behavior of birth parent)** **Work as a parent model during reunification phase** **Attend SB 163 family team meetings, if appropriate** **Participate in Wraparound, System of Care, or any other required special program** **Assist placement worker with necessary documentation for specialized rates** **Complete and comply with specialized service plan agreement** **Cope with disruptive behavior** **Provide close supervision for the child** **Provide all transportation in county and reasonable out-of-county (to be negotiated)** **Participate in counseling with foster child, if deemed necessary by the therapist** **Maintain and complete necessary paperwork, a journal, incident reports, and any other necessary documentation** **Arrange medical and dental check-ups within 30 days of placement (if necessary)**

Prior Approval Required By:	**CWS Social Worker** **CWS Social Worker Supervisor**	**CWS Social Worker** **CWS Social Worker Supervisor**	**CWS Social Worker** **CWS Social Worker Supervisor** **CWS Program Manager**	**Medical Practitioner** **CWS Social Worker** **CWS Social Worker Supervisor** **CWS Program Manager**

Methodologies Used:	***A workgroup setting was used to develop the above qualifying criteria. The workgroup members included Foster Parents, Social Workers, Social Worker Supervisors, Social Worker Managers, Public Health Nurses, Mental Health Personnel and Community Partners. The workgroup members used a variety of resources pertinent to their fields of expertise to collaborate on deciding the criteria for each level.***