

**County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
CalWORKs Special Notice**

Change in Rate Level for the Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) Program	Number	Page
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Effective Date:

01/01/2017

Background:

State regulation (ACL 16-79) requires a new rate structure to support the goals of the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR).

Policy:

The age related rate for dependent children ends effective December 31, 2016. Effective January 1, 2017, all relative placements for dependent children will be paid at the basic level of care (LOC) flat rate of \$889.

Procedure:

Effective January 1, 2017 all Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) program payments will be issued at a rate of \$889 regardless of the age of the child. The CalWORKs funding portion will be the exempt MAP of one and the difference up to \$889 will be ARC funding. For example, \$392 (Exempt MAP of 1, CalWORKs funding) + \$497 (ARC funding) = \$889 (total ARC payment).

The relative caregiver will be informed of the rate change via the informing notice 07-336 HHSA. The barcoded informing notice is currently available in the Eligibility Forms Repository (EFR) in English only. If the relative caregiver elects to receive the informing notice in languages other than English, the GEN 1365 (Notice of Language Services) must be sent along with the English NOA.

The Foster Care Rate desk aid has been updated to reflect this change.

Program Impact:

Forms and Document Capture

The informing notice 07-336 HHSA must be imaged in to CERMS.

Other Programs Affected

CalFresh: The increase in ARC payment is a mid-period change and will be counted in the CalFresh budget if the ARC child is included in the CalFresh household.

References:

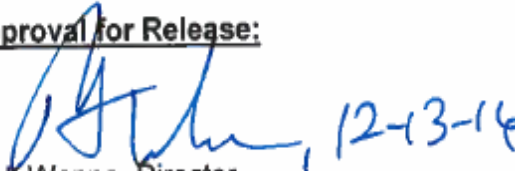
AB 403 (http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB403)

ACL 16-79 (<http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/EntRes/getinfo/acl/2016/16-79.pdf>)

Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance on or by 12/31/2017

Approval for Release:


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