

Specialized Rates for DCFS' Regional Center Clients

Dual Agency Rates:

A county licensed foster home, dependency legal guardians and non-relative probate guardians, federally-eligible ASFA approved relative, non-related extended family member, prospective adoptive or post adoptive home, Kin-GAP'd caregiver, caring for a DCFS-Regional Center child, is Entitled to receive this rate (*FFA and Group homes are excluded*):

\$1,041 per month for children **under 3** receiving Regional Center Early Start / Intervention Services.

\$2,328 per month for children, any age, diagnosed with a lifetime developmental disability (Down syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, Intellectual disability...) resulting in eligibility for Regional Center Lanterman services.

Regional Center eligibility letter is all that is needed to support establishment of Dual Agency Rate from the date of eligibility or approved placement, based on above.

Supplemental Rates: for children 3 +

In addition, the caregiver may receive a Supplement to the above Dual Agency Rate, rate of either - \$250, \$500, \$750, or \$1,000 per month.

To process the Supplement Rate, the CSW must complete the following DCFS forms:

SOC 835 – Multiple Questionnaire Worksheet

SOC 836 - Supplemental to the Rate Eligibility Form

SOC 837- Supplemental to the Rate Questionnaire

CSW then submits the completed **SOC 837** to the client's Regional Center for review and signature. Once the form is completed and signed, CSW submits the 837 and DCFS 280 to TA for processing. *If a Regional Center refuses to sign the SOC 837, CSW should document on the SOC 837 who they spoke with to review the document attach the Regional Center Eligibility letter and submit to TA for processing. If additional documentation is needed, attach a copy of any current IFSP or IPP.*

When a caregiver or third party requests the Supplement rate, CSW must document the date and identity of the caller in the Contact Notebook and initiate a DCFS 21A letter to caregiver acknowledging the request, and complete the above steps within 90 days.

For further questions or support contact the **DCFS Regional Center Unit**
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