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Dear County Director of Social Services

Attention: Program Managers  
Work First Supervisors  
Children's Services Supervisors

Subject: Foster Care IV-E Penetration Rate

This letter is to further clarify procedures relative to the use of the IV-E penetration rate by counties. In previous correspondence to the counties dated November 21, 2001, you were notified of a change in the way the Foster Care IV-E penetration rate was calculated, from a yearly rate calculation to a monthly rate calculation. The IV-E penetration rate is now posted on the Controller's Office web site and counties must access on a monthly basis in order to determine the rate to be used when computing reimbursements for prior month's services, where applicable.

Originally, we stated that the latest rate for the prior month would be available on the web site within the first week of the following month (rate for December would be posted within the first week of January). We have since been informed that, to ensure accurate county reporting, the rate needed to be made available by the first day of the following month. Therefore, we have implemented a plan to make the rate available in a more timely manner. The latest rate for the prior month will now be available by the last day of that same month.

**Example:** Rate for December will be calculated in December using actual December figures and posted by to the web site by December 31st. This is the rate the counties will begin using on January 1st for their activities during January, which will be reimbursed through the 1571 in February-(December rate, January service month, February reimbursement month).

If there are any questions regarding the use of the IV-E Foster Care penetration rate, please contact your Local Business Liaison.

Sincerely,

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