

**County of Orange Social Services Agency
Family Self-Sufficiency/Foster Care Program**

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Wraparound Program is to provide family-centered strength based alternatives to Group Home (GH) or Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) placements in California. Children who are currently placed, or would be placed, in a GH or STRTP can receive individualized or "Wraparound" services where services are wrapped around a child living with a birth or adoptive parent, foster parent, or guardian and are tailored to the unique needs of that child and family.

OVERVIEW

Senate Bill (SB) 163 allows counties to provide eligible children with family-based service alternatives to GH or STRTP care. Wraparound services does not provide for new funds. Instead, it permits flexible use of State Foster Care funds and, in limited circumstances, allows payment for service allocation slots that provide the individualized, intensive services necessary to keep these children in or return them to family settings. The payment that is normally paid to a GH or STRTP is used as the funding source for Wraparound services.

The services are tailored (wrapped around) to the individual's needs. Children or Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs) are referred to the Wraparound Program by Children and Family Services (CFS) or Juvenile Probation Department (JPD) and must be dependents under the supervision of CFS or court wards under the supervision of JPD. Children or NMDs receiving Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) benefits are also eligible for Wraparound services under the AAP program requirements. The goal is to strengthen the family and enable the youth to remain with or return to the family.

**GENERAL PROGRAM
ELIGIBILITY
REQUIREMENTS**

Children referred to the Wraparound Program for payment must be otherwise eligible for Aid to Families with Dependent Children - Foster Care (AFDC-FC). This includes income and property requirements as specified in the July 16, 1996 regulations. (See [Determination of Federal AFDC-FC P & P 706](#))

NMDs may receive Wraparound services. To be eligible the NMD must continue to meet the eligibility requirements for the Extended Foster Care (EFC) program and be at risk of placement in a GH or STRTP. Wraparound is a voluntary program for NMDs. If the youth is no longer participating in EFC Wraparound services must be terminated. (See [Extended Foster Care P & P 701](#))

Note: The child support requirement is not waived for Wraparound cases.

REDETERMINATION All Wraparound children receiving payment must continue to meet all eligibility requirements of the AFDC-FC program. Redeterminations are required every year. At annual redetermination, the Senior Social Worker (SSW) or Probation Officer must complete a new Foster Child's Data Record and AFDC-FC Certification, [SOC 158 A](#) and Statement of Facts Supporting Eligibility for AFDC-Foster Care, [FC 2](#) or [FC 2 NM](#) to meet service requirements.

WRAPAROUND AND AAP AAP children are eligible to receive Wraparound services. The adoptive parent(s) must notify the SSW when a child has a condition they believe requires placement in a GH or STRTP. If the adoptive parent agrees to participate and the SSW approves Wraparound services, the family continues to receive their negotiated AAP rate, including any specialized care increment.

AAP youths are approved for Wraparound services no more than 18 months at a time. The youth may stop Wraparound during the 18 month period and resume Wraparound under the same 18 month period.

WRAPAROUND AND CALWORKS/CALFRESH While a child is at "home" with a birth or adoptive parent, the family can apply for CalWORKs and/or CalFRESH if they need financial assistance. The child will have an active non-payment Wraparound case in Foster Care and an active CalWORKs case in the appropriate CalWORKs Regional Office.

- Wraparound payments for any non-basic or substance needs payment are exempt from CalWORKs benefit calculations.
- All Wraparound payments for items of need are to be evaluated as follows:
 - Irregular payments and provision of items of need may be treated simply as income or resources in the month received

Note: These irregular payments should be included in or excluded from the grant determination per CalWORKs Income [P & P B1](#).

A non-parent relative with whom a Wraparound child is placed can receive a Foster Care payment if the case is determined federally eligible. If not federally eligible, the non-parent relative can apply for CalWORKs and/or CalFRESH.

MEDI-CAL All children participating in the Wraparound Program are eligible for no-share-of-cost, full scope Medi-Cal benefits.

If there is an active CalWORKs case, the Medi-Cal will be issued from the CalWORKs case. The Wraparound Foster Care Eligibility Technician (FCET) must verify monthly that the Medi-Cal is still active in the CalWORKs case. If the CalWORKs case is discontinued, the child will be approved for Medi-Cal under the Wraparound case.

Note: The Wraparound Program does not cover medical expenses that are covered by Medi-Cal.

RATES

Effective January 1, 2017, the Wraparound rate is set at \$8,573 for federal and non-federal cases.

Wraparound payments are issued through Non-System Determination Issuance (NSDI).

REQUIRED FORMS

Foster Child's Data Record and AFDC-FC Certification, [SOC 158 A](#)
Statement of Facts Supporting Eligibility for AFDC-Foster Care, [FC 2](#)
Statement of Facts Supporting Eligibility for AFDC-Foster Care, Extended Foster Care [FC 2 NM](#)

REFERENCES

CalWORKs [Income P & P B 1](#)
[Determination of Federal AFDC-FC P & P 706](#)
[Extended Foster Care P & P 701](#)
[All County Information Notice \(ACIN\) I-91-08](#)
[All County Letter 11-77](#)
[AAP Processing Guide](#)

