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REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Initiated by CCL

TO: ALL CALIFORNIA CERTIFIED OUT-OF-STATE GROUP HOMES

SUBJECT: **OUT-OF-STATE GROUP HOME CERTIFICATION FOR YOUTH TURNING 18 (NONMINOR DEPENDENTS)**

This letter provides direction regarding the certification requirements for out-of-state group homes serving California foster youth who are 18 or older (“nonminor dependents”).¹ California Welfare and Institutions Code section 16501.1(c) (3) permits youth turning 18 to remain in group home care until high school graduation or the equivalent or up to age 19, whichever is earlier.²

In order to care for California foster youth 18 or older, the out-of-state group home must be certified by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), be in good standing with both the CDSS and the in-state licensing entity, and comply with in-state licensing requirements. To maintain its certification, the group home shall comply with all California licensing standards for group homes operated in California.³ For non-minor dependents, this now includes the “AB 12 Interim Licensing Standards for Nonminor Dependents in Foster Care,” which are posted on the Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) website at <http://cclcd.ca.gov/>.⁴ These standards will remain in effect until regulations are adopted.

To provide care and supervision to any foster youth who becomes a nonminor dependent upon turning 18, a Certified Out-of-state group home must submit the following to the CCLD Out-of-State Certification Unit (OSCU) of CDSS:

1. Documentation from the state’s licensing entity verifying that the state permits youth 18 or older to be placed in the licensed facility, including any conditions that apply to providing care and supervision to those youth in the licensed facility.

¹Nonminor dependents who are in out-of-state group homes are dependents or wards of the California Juvenile Court.

²A youth who has a medical condition may remain in a group home beyond high school graduation or age 19 when the group home functions as a short term transition to the appropriate system of care. (Welf. & Inst. Code, §§ [11403\(b\)\(5\)](#), [16501.1\(c\)\(3\)](#))

³Family Code, § [7911.1\(c\)](#).

⁴See CCL Information Release No. [2011-06](#).

2. An updated Plan of Operation to the OSCU to reflect how it intends to provide services to nonminor dependents.⁵

A Certified Out-of-state Group Home that intends to accept nonminor dependents, or continue caring for foster youth, who are approaching 18 years of age, must submit the documents above to the OSCU when one of the following situations occurs as specified:

1. **Acceptance of A Nonminor Dependent (18 or older)**: Prior to acceptance of a non-minor dependent.
2. **Continued Care and Supervision (Youth is not yet 18)**: Within 90 days prior to the youth turning 18.
3. **Continued Care and Supervision of A Nonminor Dependent (18 or older)**: On or before August 1, 2013.

A Certified Out-of-state Group Home may continue caring for any youth turning 18 prior to June 1, 2013, and any non-minor dependent accepted into the facility prior to the date of this Information Release so long as it has submitted the necessary documents to the OSCU within the specified timeframe. Once the necessary documents have been approved by the OSCU, the Certified Out-of-state Group Home may accept any non-minor dependents.

For more information on the placement of non-minor dependents in group homes, please refer to the CDSS All County Letter No. [12-12, Re-Entry Into Extended Foster Care \(EFC\)](#); [11-77, Extension of Foster Care Beyond Age 18: Part Two \(Placement\)](#); [11-69, Extension of Foster Care Beyond age 18: Part One](#); and [11-61, Extended Foster Care \(EFC\)](#).

If you have any questions regarding the certification of out-of-state group homes to provide services to non-minor dependents, please contact the Certified Out-of-State Group Home at (916) 651-5380.

Sincerely,

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⁵22 CCR § [84022](#); AB 12 Interim Licensing Standards for Nonminor Dependents in Foster Care, § [84422](#).

c: All County Welfare Directors
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