



**MEMORANDUM**  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**CHILDREN'S SYSTEMS OF CARE**  
**DIVISION**  
County of Placer

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** August 31, 2021  
**FROM:** Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services  
**BY:** Joey Wojtowicz, Staff Services Analyst II  
**SUBJECT:** Child Welfare Placement Agreements

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Authorize the Director of the Children's System of Care or designee including social workers to sign documentation required by the State Department of Social Services related to the placement of dependents including placement agreements at rates required by state law.

**BACKGROUND**

The Children's System of Care is mandated by state law to provide alternative placements and services for children and youth adjudicated as dependents of Placer County. As the designated child welfare agency, CSOC is required to provide a placement agreement to the caregiver at the time of placement, including foster family agencies, relatives, short-term residential therapeutic programs, or other residential facilities (Welfare and Institutions Code §16503.5.).

California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has designed state form placement agreements (e.g., currently SOC 152-157) for this purpose. These forms require the county placement social worker sign the agreement. Given that the forms specify that placement workers sign these agreements, it is implied that the state authorizes them to do so, as well as use the allowable rates set by the state statute (Welfare and Institutions Code § 11463.). This is a longstanding statutory practice in all counties, but due to concerns that a formal Placer County Board of Supervisor action has not been able to be located to allow this activity specifically, the above action is being requested.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

All placement costs are included each fiscal year in the HHS Department's budget.

**ATTACHMENTS**

N/A

