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I. BACKGROUND

A. History of the Wraparound Program

1. Wraparound was implemented in 1997 pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 163 that included both a federal and state program. The purpose of the Wraparound program is to provide family-centered strength based alternatives to Group Home (GH)/Short Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP) placements in California. AB 1758 allows Medi-Cal benefits without a share-of-cost to continue while receiving Wraparound Services.
2. Through the Wraparound Program, children/youth that are either in a Group Home at RCL 10 or higher, or at risk of placement at one of these levels, can be placed in a lower level of care or returned home. These children/youth receive individualized or “wrap-around” services while living in a lower level of care with a birth or adoptive parent, foster parent, guardian, GH/STRTP or Foster Family Agency (FFA). The services are tailored to the unique needs of that child and family.
3. A WRAP Committee, consisting of Children and Family Services (CFS), the Probation Department, Contra Costa Mental Health Department (MHD), WRAP Supervisors from each of the mental health offices and any contracted agency partnering with the county to provide casework and WRAP services, meet monthly. This meeting allows the committee to provide a current census of each WRAP child and their progress. It also allows the committee to consult and determine which children/youth are to be enrolled, which services the child/youth will need and decide who is ready to exit the program.

II. POLICY

The services are tailored (wrapped around) the individual to meet his/her needs. Children/youth including Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs) are referred to the Wraparound Program by our department and the Probation Department and must be dependents under the supervision of Contra Costa Children & Family Services (CFS) or court wards under the supervision of the Juvenile Probation Department. Children/youth 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 child to remain with or return to the family.

Wraparound referrals for foster care children/youth are sent to the committee for approval. The post-adoption social worker supervisor approves Wraparound for adopted youth. Once the

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committee or the post-adoptions supervisor approves Wraparound, the child/youth is assigned a Wraparound provider.

A. Provisions

1. Wraparound Services:

- a. Provides individualized Wraparound Services necessary to keep children/youth in their homes,
- b. Allows individuals to be returned to their families, or
- c. Allows individuals to be placed at a lower level of foster care placement.

2. Adopted children/youth may participate in this program if they are otherwise eligible for the AAP funded GH placements, and if they meet the WRAP eligibility criteria.

NOTE: AAP children/youth that return to foster care placements under CFS or Probation are eligible for FC funded Wraparound.

B. Services Provided

The following services are provided by Wraparound:

- 1. Basic services, such as assistance with housing or transportation.
- 2. Socialization experiences and recreational activities to develop peer relationships and psychosocial skills.
- 3. Family education (parenting classes, problem solving and daily living skills).
- 4. Educational/vocational support.
- 5. Mental health services and 24-hr crisis intervention.
- 6. Parent advocacy support, and
- 7. Development of an Individualized Service Plan (ISP).

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C. General Eligibility

Those Eligible for Wraparound Services:

1. The FC Child/Youth's Social Worker (SW)/Probation Officer (PO) is responsible for screening and recommending Wraparound Services. The SW/PO presents their referral to the committee for approval. At the meeting, Wraparound Services are requested for the following reasons:
 - a. To maintain a child or youth at home, in a resource family home when they run the risk of placement into a GH/STRTP.
 - b. To transition a child or youth from an out-of-home placement to a parent's care.
 - c. To transition a child or youth from an out-of-home placement, GH/STRTP, a parent or resource family home.
2. The applicant must meet all other eligibility criteria including age, and NMD requirements (for NMDs). The committee approves CFS and Probation referrals. Children/youth receiving AAP benefits are approved for Wraparound by the Adoption Social Work Supervisor. Children/youth meeting the following criteria are eligible for Wraparound Services:
 - a. A child/youth who has been adjudicated as either a dependent or ward of the Juvenile Court and who would be placed in a GH licensed in Rate Classification (RCL) 10 or higher.
 - b. A child who is voluntarily placed in out-of-home care.
 - c. NMDs may receive Wraparound Services. To be eligible, the NMD must continue to meet the eligibility requirements for the Extended Foster Care (EFC) program. Wraparound is a voluntary program for NMDs, therefore if the youth is no longer participating in EFC, Wraparound Services must be terminated.
 - d. For undocumented dependent children/youth and wards, the WRAP EW will complete the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) process prior to granting for Wraparound.

EXAMPLE: When Wraparound benefits are paid using Aid Code '42',
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the youth remains in Aid Code ‘42’ even when returning home, unless he/she turns 18. If the youth turns 18 years old during the Wraparound episode, the appropriate NMD Aid Code must be used the month following the 18th birthday and under the same funding source. If the youth was federally eligible under Aid Code ‘42’ he/she remains federally eligible under NMD Aid Code ‘49’ while under the same Wraparound episode.

- e. Eligible children/youth can terminate and re-enter the Wraparound program as long as they remain eligible for foster care services or under the supervision of the Probation Department. A new Wraparound referral is required when the previous ISP has ended or is terminated.
- f. AAP youth are approved for Wraparound Services for no more than for 18 months at a time. The youth may stop Wraparound during the 18-month period and resume Wraparound under the same 18-month period. AAP child or youth must meet the following requirements:
 - The child was adopted in Contra Costa County (CCC). The child is certified as eligible for AAP funds.
 - The child has been adopted through CCC and is at risk of being voluntarily placed in out-of-home care at a residential treatment facility with an RCL 10 or higher.
 - The child is eligible for AAP under an existing or deferred agreement.

NOTE: When an AAP youth is under a deferred agreement and approved for Wraparound Services, AAP benefits must be either reinstated or approved. Deferred Agreements must be initiated immediately after the adoption or during the adoption benefits period.

- g. All children/youth receiving Wraparound Services must be in an active Medi-Cal program. Their Medi-Cal eligibility is based on their concurrent FC, AAP or CalWORKs case.
- h. When the youth has no active Medi-Cal case; Medi-Cal must be established prior to approval of Wraparound Services. When Medi-Cal is established only for Wraparound, both Medi-Cal and Wraparound will be



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in the same case.

- i. The redetermination due date is based on the Medi-Cal program as long as Wraparound is active. The assigned FC EW will complete the Medi-Cal redetermination.
- j. When Wraparound is terminated, the youth is eligible for Continuous Eligibility for Children (CEC); Aid Code '7J', the first day of the following month after Wraparound is discontinued unless the youth is 18. Youth 18 and older are eligible for Former Foster Youth (FFY) Medi-Cal, Aid Code '4M'.

D. Wraparound and KinGAP

Currently there is no funding source available for KinGAP children/youth to receive Wraparound Services. If a KinGAP youth is approved for Wraparound Services, it must be paid by county-only funding. However, if the KinGAP youth returns to court dependency and is placed in a foster home under the supervision of CFS or Probation, the KinGAP youth is eligible for Wraparound Services while living away from the KinGAP guardian. If the KinGAP youth returns to the KinGAP guardian during the wraparound episode, Wraparound will continue until the ISP has expired or is terminated.

III. PROCEDURES

A. WRAP Committee Responsibilities

- 1. The WRAP Committee consists of Children and Family Services (CFS), the Probation Department, Contra Costa Mental Health Department (MHD), WRAP Supervisors from each of the mental health offices and any contracted agency partnering to provide casework and services for WRAP youth.
- 2. The WRAP Committee meets on a monthly basis to:
 - a. Provide a census for each child receiving WRAP services and the child's progress,
 - b. For new WRAP referrals, the Committee receives referral forms, recent court reports and any other pertinent information on the youth's behavior/mental health issues.

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- c. The Committee makes decisions as to who (Contracted Agency or County Mental Health) would best be able to serve the youth's needs.
 - d. Completes an enrollment form for youth approved to enter into the program and consults with Fiscal regarding WRAP budget and census to determine if EW is to create a WRAP case in CalWIN. This information must be indicated on the enrollment form.
 - e. Completes a disenrollment form for youth exiting the program when the Committee makes the determination the youth's services are being terminated or the youth no longer qualifies.
3. Forwards the report to the WRAP Eligibility Worker (WRAP EW) which includes:
- a. An updated census listing the current status of each enrolled youth including their CalWIN case status.
 - b. Enrollment forms for new WRAP enrollees, listing the effective date and the CalWIN case status.
 - c. Dis-enrollment forms for youth exiting the program, listing the effective date.
 - d. Any other pertinent information the WRAP EW will need to maintain the Wraparound cases.

B. Wraparound Eligibility Worker Responsibilities

- 1. The WRAP EW will receive the monthly report from the committee listing all active Wraparound participants to notify the changes made during the WRAP Committee meeting.
- 2. For new enrollees, the following actions will be taken:
 - a. Only when indicated on the Enrollment form a CalWIN case will be opened for the newly enrolled Wraparound youth. The case will remain in 'pending' status during the time the WRAP case remains active.

NOTE: The enrollment form will indicate whether a CalWIN case is to be opened for the newly enrolled child/youth. Some enrollees will not have an active

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CalWIN case but will otherwise be treated as any other WRAP enrollee and receive all needed services.

- b. A determination must be made (federal/non-federal).
 - c. The EW will ensure each Wraparound child/youth already has an active Medi-Cal case, or will open one with a '45' Aid Code.
3. For youth exiting the WRAP program, the WRAP EW will discontinue the CalWIN WRAP case effective the date listed on the disenrollment form, and transfer the MC aid code to '7J' effective the first of the following month.
 4. The EW will transfer the designated WRAP amount each month to Fiscal for the active Wraparound child/youth who have a CalWIN WRAP case, which will be added to the Wraparound Trust Fund.
 5. When the child/youth is in a placement, the cost of care for the placement is to be deducted from the Wraparound designated amount. The remaining balance will be transferred to the Wraparound Trust Fund.

C. Fiscal Responsibilities

1. Maintains a Wraparound Trust Fund for all monies transferred for the needs of the WRAP youth.
2. Monitors Wraparound budget, sets a cap for the number of Wraparound cases to be created, working in conjunction with the WRAP committee.
3. The designated level of payment will be transferred to the Trust Fund each month by the WRAP EW based on the current status of each WRAP youth listed on the monthly report as determined by the WRAP Committee.
4. Payments will be made from the Trust Fund as requested and verified by the SW/PO, for services rendered for the Wraparound participant. The payments are based on either a contracted rate or the Contra Costa County standard rate.

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IV. OTHER RULES

A. Youth Receiving SSI

1. SSI youth will always have active Medi-Cal.

- a. When an SSI eligible child/youth is residing with a parent, the parent shall be the payee for the SSI benefits. The SSI is not counted as income and is not abated from the Wraparound payment.
- b. When an SSI youth is a dependent and in Foster Care placement, the County will become the payee for the SSI benefits and abate the payment for the placement cost.
- c. Children/youth in receipt of SSI receive Medi-Cal with SSI, therefore a Medi-Cal case need not be opened in CalWIN.

B. Permanently Residing in the United States Under Color of Law (PRUCOL)

To be eligible for Wraparound Services, the EW will identify the child is not a citizen, and will complete a SAVE request.

C. Wraparound and Non-Minor Dependents (NMD)

- 1. For NMDs, Wraparound Services can continue to be addressed at any time until reaching the maximum age of 21 for Extended Foster Care (EFC). To be eligible, NMDs must continue to meet the eligibility requirements for participation in the EFC program. SWs/POs requesting Wraparound Services must determine the NMD is at risk of placement in a GH/STRTP at a RCL of 10 or higher, or they are currently placed in a GH/STRTP and will be transitioned to a lower level of care within the next three months.
- 2. Youth referred for Wraparound Services within six months prior to their 18th birthday must have a discussion with their assigned SW/PO about participating in the EFC. When the youth is approaching 18 years of age, the youth must have a SOC 161 on file to participate in Wraparound. Participation in Wraparound is completely voluntary for NMDs, and it may be terminated at any time. Youth age 18 but less than 21 must be participating in EFC in order to be eligible to participate in Wraparound Services.



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D. Notices of Action (NOA)

When payments are made from the Wraparound case the WRAP EW is not required to issue approvals, changes, or discontinuance NOAs. Wraparound is a contracted service that is paid upon invoice. When the provider is overpaid, a NOA addressing the overpayment must be manually generated and sent to the provider. A copy of the overpayment NOA must be sent to Collections and the Foster Care Program Analyst.

E. Wraparound Redeterminations (RRR)

There is no redetermination needed for wraparound because the services are contracted and invoiced for payment, however, children/youth approved for Wraparound Services must have active Medi-Cal. There are three possible scenarios for completing the RRR:

1. When there is a corresponding active FC or AAP case the RRR is completed on the active FC or AAP case.
2. When there is no active FC or AAP case and the Wraparound child/youth is on an active CalWORKs case, the RRR is completed on the active CalWORKs case by the assigned CalWORKs EW.
3. When there is an active Medi-Cal case with Wraparound, the RRR is completed as a Medi-Cal RRR.

NOTE: It is important to note that as long as Wraparound remains active, the redetermination follows current RRR policy for the case.

V. RATES

A. The Wraparound rate is a designated rate depending on if it is a federal or non-federal determination. The current rates can be found on the FC 400, *Foster Care & KinGAP Rates, Aid Payment Computation* form.

B. Payment Determination

The Wraparound payment is prorated for the first and last month of treatment when the first and last day is not the first day or the last day of the month.

1. Wraparound payments start the first day of service, and end the day before the last day of service.

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C. Youth Returns Home During the Wrap Period

1. Once a FC child/youth is determined to be eligible for Wraparound Services he/she remains eligible for the time period specified in his or her ISP. AAP youth are approved for 18 months for each episode.
2. When the child/youth returns home and the ISP has ended, a new Wraparound period can be requested.
3. When the family is eligible for CalWORKs, CalFRESH and Medi-Cal, the youth must be added back to those existing programs. When the youth is added back to the family's Medi-Cal case, the Wrap EW must discontinue the Medi-Cal portion of the Wrap case.

D. Closing Wraparound Cases

1. When the WRAP Monthly Report shows an end date, the Wrap EW must terminate the Wraparound Program. When there is an existing FC, AAP or CalWORKs case, the Wraparound case can be closed. When there are no other cases, Medi-Cal under the wraparound case will remain open until the end of the CEC (7J) period.
2. Youth 18 and older are eligible for Former Foster Youth (FFY) Medi-Cal, Aid Code '4M' if they were dependents at age 18.

II. REFERENCE

- Senate Bill (SB) 163 (Chapter 795, Statutes of 1997)
- WIC 18250-18256.5
- ACIN I-28-99 Children: SB 163 Wraparound Service Pilot
- ACIN I-55-00 Aid Codes for Consumers Involved in the Wraparound Program
- ACIN I-39-02 Wraparound and CalWORKs Eligibility
- ACL 01-55 AFDC-FC and Kin-GAP Program Rates
- ACIN I-91-08 Questions and Answers on Wraparound Services (Senate Bill 163)
- CFL 98/99-18 Time Study Instructions
- CFL 01/02-32 Revised CEC Instructions for SB 163 Wraparound Service Project

III. FORMS

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Contra Costa County SB 163 Enrollment/Disenrollment Tracking Form
FC 400, Foster Care & KinGAP Rates, Aid Payment Computation