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Dear Resource Family Approval applicant,

This letter is for individuals who are caring for a child placed in their home prior to being approved as a resource family. When children are placed with a relative or non-related extended family member on an emergency basis, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) or the Probation Department then needs to complete a Resource Family Approval (RFA) assessment of the family. Until recently, individuals who took in a child through an emergency placement were not eligible for a full foster care payment. Because the RFA process usually takes many months to complete, the lack of financial support was causing placement disruptions, financial stress, and hardship for families caring for children who were placed prior to being approved as a resource family.

For that reason, Governor Brown and the Legislature acted to ensure that families have financial support while they are completing the RFA process for the period of **March 30, 2018 through June 30, 2018**. This funding is referred to as "AB 110 funding."

As a caregiver completing RFA, you are eligible to receive AB 110 funding in the amount of \$923 a month per child if:

- you are caring for a child in foster care,
- you have a pending RFA application filed,
- the child is not otherwise eligible for foster care payment (in other words, you have not yet been approved as a resource family), and
- the child is placed in California.

There are important timeframes to keep in mind if you meet the above criteria:

- If you took placement and submitted a RFA application *prior* to March 30, 2018, you will receive AB 110 funding starting on March 30, 2018. **This funding is not retroactive to the date of placement.**
- If you took placement and submitted a RFA application *after* March 30, 2018, you will receive AB 110 funding starting **on the date you file your RFA application.**

Please note that this is a short-term solution and AB 110 funding is only provided to caregivers during the period of March 30, 2018 to June 30, 2018. However, the Legislature and stakeholders like us are working to craft a long-term solution to provide support to families at the time of placement beyond June 30, 2018.

Counties are working diligently to distribute AB 110 funding to caregivers and you may not receive funding immediately. Please contact your county worker if you have questions. If you are a caregiver in Los Angeles County, you can also call (877) 323-7165 or email FCHL@dcfs.lacounty.gov if you have questions.

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