

CALIFORNIA CODES
WELFARE AND **INSTITUTIONS CODE**
SECTION 11400-11410

11403.2. (a) The following persons shall be eligible for transitional housing placement program services provided pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 16522) of Chapter 5 of Part 4:

(1) Any minor at least 16 years of age and not more than 18 years of age, except as provided in Section 11403, who is eligible for AFDC-Foster Care benefits under this chapter and who meets the requirements in Section 16522.2.

(2) Any person less than 24 years of age who has emancipated from a county that has elected to participate in a transitional housing placement program for youths who are at least 18 years of age and under 24 years of age, as described in subdivision (r) of Section 11400, provided he or she has not received services under this paragraph for more than a total of 24 months, whether or not consecutive. If the person participating in a transitional housing placement program is not receiving aid under Section 11403.1, he or she, as a condition of participation, shall enter into, and execute the provisions of, a transitional independent living plan that shall be mutually agreed upon, and annually reviewed, by the emancipated foster youth and the county welfare or probation department or independent living program coordinator. The youth participating under this paragraph shall inform the county of any changes to conditions specified in the agreed-upon plan that affect eligibility, including changes in address, living circumstances, and the educational or training program.

(b) Payment on behalf of an eligible person receiving transitional housing services shall be made to the transitional housing placement program pursuant to the conditions and limitations set forth in Section 11403.3.

11403.3. (a) (1) Subject to subdivision (b), a transitional housing placement program, as defined in Section 11400, that provides transitional housing services to an eligible youth in a facility licensed pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1559.110 of the Health and Safety **Code**, shall be paid a monthly rate that is 75 percent of the average foster care expenditures for foster youth 16 to 18 years of age, inclusive, in group home care in the county in which the program operates.

(2) Subject to subdivision (c), a transitional housing placement program, as defined in Section 11400, that provides transitional housing services to an eligible youth in a facility certified pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 1559.110 of the Health and Safety **Code**, shall be paid a monthly rate that is 70 percent of the average foster care expenditures for foster youth 16 to 18 years of age, inclusive, in group home care in the county in which the program operates.

(b) Payment to a transitional housing placement program for transitional housing services provided to a person described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 11403.2 shall be subject to the following conditions:

(1) An amount equal to the base rate, as defined in subdivision (d), shall be paid for transitional housing services provided.

(2) Any additional amount payable pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be contingent on both of the following:

(A) The availability of moneys in the Transitional Housing for Foster Youth Fund established in Section 11403.4, or appropriated for this purpose in the annual Budget Act for the cost of the program, to pay the state share of cost of the additional amount.

(B) Election by the county placing the youth in the transitional housing placement program to participate in the costs of the additional amount, pursuant to subdivision (g).

(c) (1) Payment to a transitional housing placement program for transitional housing services provided pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 11403.2 shall be subject to the following conditions:

(A) Any Supportive Transitional Emancipation Program (STEP) payment payable pursuant to Section 11403.1 shall be paid for transitional housing services provided.

(B) Any amount payable pursuant to subdivision (a) to a transitional housing placement program for services provided to a person described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 11403.2 shall be paid contingent on the availability of moneys appropriated for this purpose in the annual Budget Act for the cost of the program.

(2) The department may limit new participants into transitional housing placement programs if costs for this subdivision are projected to exceed moneys appropriated for this purpose in the annual Budget Act.

(d) (1) As used in this section, "base rate" means the rate a transitional housing placement program was approved to receive on June 30, 2001. If a program commences operation after this date, the base rate shall be the rate the program would have received if it had been operational on June 30, 2001.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), no transitional housing placement program with an approved rate on July 1, 2001, shall receive a lower rate than its base rate.

(e) Any reductions in payments to a transitional housing placement program pursuant to the implementation of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) or subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) shall not preclude the program from acquiring from other sources, additional funding necessary to provide program services.

(f) The department shall develop, implement, and maintain a ratesetting system schedule for transitional housing placement programs pursuant to subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive.

(g) (1) Funding for the rates payable under this section for persons described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 11403.2 shall be subject to a sharing ratio of 40 percent state and 60 percent county share of nonfederal funds.

(2) Funding for the rates payable under this section for persons described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 11403.2 shall be subject to a sharing ratio of 100 percent state and 0 percent county funds.

11403.4. (a) The Transitional Housing for Foster Youth Fund is hereby created in the State Treasury for the purposes specified in this section.

(b) Except as otherwise limited by this section, the fund shall consist of all of the following:

(1) All public moneys transferred into the fund.

(2) Any interest that accrues on amounts in the fund.

(c) All moneys in the fund shall be used for the purpose of costs incurred pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) or subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 11403.3.

(d) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government **Code**, moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, for the purposes specified in subdivision (c).