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To: CPMT Chairs
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Subject: CSA Guidance Re: Congregate Care Placements – Effective July 1, 2021

There are several changes with regard to CSA funding for congregate care placements for youth in foster care taking effect on July 1, 2021. These changes stem from two sources, the change in Medicaid policy regarding the use of Title IV-E funds in psychiatric residential treatment facilities (previously addressed in [OCS Administrative Memo #20-11](#)) and the implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act.

The guidance document attached to this memo addresses both of these issues and is important for your local CSA programs to understand and implement. OCS will also be scheduling a webinar in June to provide any needed clarification and to answer questions you may have.

Please read the attached document carefully and let us know if you have any specific questions.