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Ms. Heidi Palchik  
Commission on State Mandates  
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Dear Ms. Palchik:

Given the statement of decision, the draft Parameters and Guidelines for the Interagency Child Abuse and Neglect Investigation Reports, OO-TC-22, test claim appear appropriate and reasonable, and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) supports them. Presuming that the Commission agrees with that Parameters and Guidelines as drafted, we look forward to participating in the development of the statewide cost estimate.

We would note that until the 2011 realignment of child welfare services, on the child welfare side counties have received significant state funding for the activities of social workers, for whom many of the activities identified in this mandate is a core function of their work. We also would expect the Commission to consider the implications of the realignment agreements' statutory and constitutional changes in any reimbursable cost estimates beyond 2011. Additionally, the Commission should consider the revenues received by counties as a result of 1991-92 Realignment of Child Welfare Services Programs (A.B. 948 Chapter 91 (1991)) as a potential offset to county costs for mandated activities as determined by the Commission under the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.

The CDSS at this time does not expect to attend the hearing, which we understand is being rescheduled. If we can be of any assistance on this matter, please contact me at (916) 657-2598 or [pete.cervinka@dss.ca.gov](mailto:pete.cervinka@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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