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**WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE - WIC**

**DIVISION 9. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES [10000 - 18999.98]** ( Division 9 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784. )

**PART 3. AID AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE [11000 - 15771]** ( Part 3 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784. )

**CHAPTER 6.5. Nonmedical Care Facilities [13900 - 13922]** ( Chapter 6.5 repealed and added by Stats. 1973, Ch. 1216. )

**ARTICLE 2. Out-of-Home Care [13910 - 13913]** ( Article 2 added by Stats. 1973, Ch. 1216. )

**13910.** The purpose of this article is to provide out-of-home care to those recipients of public assistance for whom care in their own homes is impractical; however, the provisions of this article shall not duplicate intermediate care or other out-of-home facility services provided under Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 14000) of Part 3 of Division 9.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 1973, Ch. 1216.)

**13911.** The director shall, by regulation, establish standards for specialized out-of-home care. The department shall establish rate schedules which include separate rates for room and board, for the specialized care component and for personal and incidental needs.

The director shall develop an overall plan which integrates the system of out-of-home nonmedical care facility services covered by the provision of this chapter with the system of medical care facility services covered by the provisions of Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 14000) of this part. The purpose of such overall plan shall be to maintain an appropriate balance between nonmedical and medical facilities to the end that recipients of public assistance or persons otherwise defined as needy by the provisions of this code are given the care they require at the lowest possible cost.

The plan established by the director pursuant to this section may include the use of an interdisciplinary review process to insure that persons are not placed or retained in medical care facilities when appropriate care can otherwise be provided at lower cost.

Nothing in this article shall be interpreted to preclude any facility licensed under the provisions of Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 1250) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code from providing out-of-home care services, provided such facilities meet the standards established by the provisions of this section.

(Amended by Stats. 1977, Ch. 1252.)

**13912.** In the establishment of the rate schedules for out-of-home care, the director shall consider and reflect in the rate schedule annually, in addition to any other factors he deems to be relevant, the availability of such homes in the community, cost of living, appropriateness of the facility, the cost of providing care under the required standards, activity programs required for the maintenance or restoration of function of aged and disabled persons and the cost of differentials of room, board and care required for persons of differing ages and needs.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 1973, Ch. 1216.)

**13913.** The director shall submit an annual report to the Legislature by March 1 of each year setting forth pertinent facts on the operation of the program established by this chapter and its significance in relation to the out-of-home care services of the Medi-Cal program.

(Amended by Stats. 1977, Ch. 1252.)