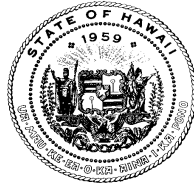


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**TO:** All Therapeutic Foster Home Provider Agencies

**FROM:** John O. Viesselman, M.D.  
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**SUBJECT:** **Foster Parents Supervision Clarification**

CAMHD is issuing this clarification to the supervision requirements for Foster Parents providing Therapeutic Foster Home services. According to the Interagency Performance Standards and Practice Guideline (IPSPG) page 179 "Foster families are required to receive at least two (2) hours a month of supervision from a Contractor's MHP. One (1) hour of the required supervision may be multi-family or group supervision."

This clarification pertains to CAMHD's assertion that Foster Parents are essentially Paraprofessionals and the MHP to Foster Family ratio is the same as the MHP to Paraprofessional ratio. The IPSPG Supervision standard on page 20 states "An MHP shall supervise the equivalent of no more than seven (7) full-time paraprofessionals. Thus, a Contractor's MHP may supervise up to seven (7) Foster Families to be in compliance with the IPSPG.

We appreciate your compliance with this clarification. Should you have any questions, please call me at 733-9230 or e-mail me at [joviesse@camhmis.health.state.hi.us](mailto:joviesse@camhmis.health.state.hi.us).

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