

## CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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<p><b>What's Inside:</b> Rate changes for foster care &amp; subsidy maintenance</p>
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## M E M O R A N D U M

TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, FIELD SUPPORT MANAGERS,  
CIRCUIT MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS

FROM: TIM DECKER, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: RATE CHANGES FOR FOSTER CARE AND SUBSIDY MAINTENANCE

DISCUSSION: The purpose of this memorandum is to notify staff of the rate change for foster care and adoption and guardianship subsidy maintenance.

Effective July 1, 2016 a 2% rate increase is applied to Foster Care, Adoption Subsidy, and Legal Guardianship Maintenance rates. The new rates will automatically be generated for service dates on or after July 1, 2016.

Staff should *not* manually enter the new rates on the SS-61 Placement Information Screen for children with a "Standard Rate (1)" Maintenance Level. The "Maintenance Amount" field should always be left blank. The FACES Financial System will automatically generate the appropriate rate for all maintenance levels based on placement type or the subsidy agreement.

"Above Standard Rate (4)" or "Below Standard Rate (2)" maintenance levels should only be selected when a maintenance level amount has been approved and it is *not* a state contracted rate. These rates are entered on the SS-61 in maintenance level field box.

Section 4 Chapter 11 Attachment A: Standard Payment Rate for Foster Family Alternative Care and Section 4 Chapter 30 Attachment G: Payment Rate for Adoption and Guardianship Agreements has been updated to reflect the new rates.

**Standard Payment Rate for Foster Family Alternative Care:**

Type of Expenditure	Age Limitation	Amount Payable
Maintenance (includes room and board, clothing and incidentals)	0-5 years	\$300.00
	6-12 years	\$356.00
	13 and over	\$396.00
Infant Allowance	0-3 years	\$50.00
Annual Clothing Allowance	0-5 years	\$250.00
	6-12 years	\$290.00
	13 and over	\$480.00
Special Medical Expense	All ages	Medicaid or Contracted Rate
Special Non-medical Expense	All ages	
Children's Treatment	All ages	Contract Unit Rate
Residential Treatment (includes room and board)	All ages	Contract Unit Rate

Youth with Elevated Needs-Level A/Medical Foster Care *ICPC resource providers are not eligible for this payment	All ages	\$777.00
Youth with Elevated Needs- Level B Foster Care *ICPC resource providers are not eligible for this payment	All ages	\$1549.00
Level B Resource Provider Respite Care	All ages	\$40.00 per day
Level B Resource Provider Availability/Transitional Services	All ages	\$ 21.00 per day for up to 90 days
Professional Parenting Payment for Traditional, Medical and Level A Foster Care. *ICPC, Level B and Emergency resource providers are not eligible for this payment	All ages	\$100.00 per month
Emergency Foster Family Home (for licensed Foster, Relative, Kinship Providers)	All ages	\$22.00 per day for up to 60 days

**Payment Rate for Adoption and Guardianship Subsidy Agreements:**

<b>Type of Expenditure</b>	<b>Age Limitation</b>	<b>Amount Payable</b>
Standard Base Rate Maintenance (MAIN)	0-5 years 6-12 years 13-21 years	\$239.00 \$291.00 \$322.00
Medical and Youth with Elevated Needs-Level A (SMAS)	All ages	\$691.00
Standard Rate Respite Care (RSCR)	All ages	Maximum of \$240 (12 units at \$20 per unit) or half unit is a minimum of six(6) hours up to 12 hours at \$10 a unit
Above Standard Rate Respite Care (RSCR)	All ages	Maximum of \$399 (19 units at approx. \$21 per unit) or half unit is a minimum of six(6) hours up to 12 hours at approx. \$10.50 a unit

Please see below for examples of “Standard Rate/Base (1)” and “Above Standard Rate (4)”.

Ex. 1: Foster Care Maintenance Level on Child’s Placement Screen-“Standard rate/Base (1)” has been selected, placement type is FHM.

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\* Placement Begin Date: 09 15 2015      Placement End Date: [ ] [ ] [ ]

\* Placement Reason: 01 - Reason to Suspect CA/N

\* Placement Mode: 2 - Ongoing Protective Service Case Emergency Placement

\* Placement Type: **FHM - Medical Foster Home**

\* Pre-Placement Visit: No

\* Pre-Adoptive Placement: No

\* Family Structure: Married Couple (1)

**Placement Visit with Foster Family Conducted**

- Document special needs of child
- Walk-through home with child;note sleeping arrangement
- Review/discuss household rules
- Provide foster parent with phone/pager #
- Provide foster parent with business card
- Provide foster parent with known information regarding child
- Give child's Lifebook to foster parent
- Schedule post-placement visit with child

**Placement Visit Date:** [ ] [ ] [ ]

**Effective End Date:** [ ] [ ] [ ]

Maintenance Level: **Standard Rate/Base (1)**

Effective Begin Date: 09 15 2015

Ex. 2: Placement Information Screen-Showing “Standard Rate/Base (1)”- The adoption subsidy agreement includes Special Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (SMAS) and “yes” has been selected for the Standard Contracted Rate, the appropriate maintenance level to select on the SS-61 is “Standard Rate/ Base (1)”.

Case manager Name/D: [Stephenson, Shirley Jean / STEL GOR](#)

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\* Placement Begin Date: 03 25 2012      Placement End Date: [ ] [ ] [ ]

\* Placement Reason: 03 - Adoption

\* Placement Mode: 4 - Planned Move

\* Placement Type: ADF - Adoption (by foster parent)

\* Pre-Placement Visit: Yes

\* Pre-Adoptive Placement: Yes

\* Family Structure: Single Female (3)

**Pre-Placement Visit Date:** 03 22 2012

**Placement Visit with Foster Family Conducted**

- Document special needs of child
- Walk-through home with child;note sleeping arrangement
- Review/discuss household rules
- Provide foster parent with phone/pager #
- Provide foster parent with business card
- Provide foster parent with known information regarding child
- Give child's Lifebook to foster parent
- Schedule post-placement visit with child

**Placement Visit Date:** 03 22 2012

**Effective End Date:** [ ] [ ] [ ]

Maintenance Level: **Standard Rate/Base (1)**

Effective Begin Date: 05 12 2015

Children's Division Contract Screen (Subsidy Agreement)-Showing SMAS & "yes" on State Contracted Rate

Service: Spec Maint Adopt Subsidy (SMAS)	Begin Date: 05 / 12 / 2013	End Date: 05 / 11 / 2015
Frequency: Monthly	State Contracted Rate? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Service: Respite Care (RSCR)	Begin Date: 05 / 12 / 2013	End Date: 05 / 11 / 2015
Frequency: Yearly	State Contracted Rate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Rate: 399.00
Service: Spec Maint Adopt Subsidy (SMAS)	Begin Date: 05 / 12 / 2015	End Date: 01 / 31 / 2025
Frequency: Monthly	State Contracted Rate? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Service: Respite Care (RSCR)	Begin Date: 05 / 12 / 2015	End Date: 01 / 31 / 2025

Ex. 3: Placement Information Screen-Showing "Above Standard Rate (4)"-Maintenance amount entered

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\* Placement Begin Date: 01 / 28 / 2001      Placement End Date:      /      /

\* Placement Reason: 03 - Adoption

\* Placement Mode: 1 - Ongoing Protective Service Case Planned Placement

\* Placement Type: ADR - Adoption (by relative)

\* Pre-Placement Visit: Yes

\* Pre-Adoptive Placement: Yes

\* Family Structure: Single Female (3)

Pre-Placement Visit Date: 01 / 25 / 2001

Placement Visit with Foster Family Conducted

- Document special needs of child
- Walk-through home with child;note sleeping arrangement
- Review/discuss household rules
- Provide foster parent with phone/pager #
- Provide foster parent with business card
- Provide foster parent with known information regarding child
- Give child's Lifebook to foster parent
- Schedule post-placement visit with child

Maintenance Level: Above Standard Rate (4)

Effective Begin Date: 01 / 28 / 2001

Placement Visit Date:      /      /

Maintenance Amount: \$ 826 . 00

Effective End Date:      /      /

Children's Division Contract Screen (Subsidy Agreement)-Showing SMAS & "no" on State Contracted Rate

Service: Spec Maint Adopt Subsidy (SMAS)	Begin Date: 10 / 01 / 2004	End Date: 02 / 28 / 2017
Frequency: Monthly	State Contracted Rate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Rate: 826.00
		Total Amount: \$123,074.00
Service: Please Select Service	Begin Date:      /      /	End Date:      /      /
Frequency: Please Select		

**NECESSARY ACTION**

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff.
2. Review revised Child Welfare Manual chapters as indicated below.
3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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**CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS**

[Section 4 Chapter 11 Attachment A: Standard Payment Rate for Foster Family Alternative Care](#)

[Section 4 Chapter 30 Attachment G: Payment Rate for Adoption and Guardianship Agreements](#)

**FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

N/A

**REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES**

N/A

**RELATED STATUTE**

N/A

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULE**

N/A

**COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS**

N/A

**CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR)**

N/A

**PROTECTIVE FACTORS**

N/A

**FACES REQUIREMENTS**

N/A