

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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What's Inside:Rate changes for
subsidy maintenance,
CTS, respite and
residential

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

FROM: TIM DECKER, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: RATE CHANGES FOR ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDY MAINTENANCE,
CTS, RESPITE AND RESIDENTIAL

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify staff of the rate change for foster care, adoption and guardianship subsidy maintenance, CTS services, residential care services and respite for foster youth.

Effective July 1, 2017 a 1.5% rate decrease is applied to adoption and guardianship subsidy maintenance, CTS services and residential services. An increase in rate is applied to foster care respite. The new rates were automatically generated for service dates on or after July 1, 2017.

Section 4 Chapter 30 Attachment G: Payment Rate for Adoption and Guardianship Agreements has been updated to reflect the new rates. Section 8 Chapter 7, Attachment A: Children's Treatment Services (CTS) Catalog has been updated, as well as the respite policy found in Section 4 Chapter 17 Subsections 6, 7 and 8.

A residential rate chart will be going to all Residential Care Screening Team (RCST) Coordinators. Updated charts for subsidy maintenance can be found in policy, as well as a new chart for respite and an updated catalog for CTS services.

Tips for Entering Maintenance Levels:

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.

If an adoption subsidy or legal guardianship subsidy has Special Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (SMAS) on the subsidy agreement and "yes" has been selected for the Standard Contracted Rate then the appropriate maintenance level to select on the SS-61 is "Standard Rate/ Base (1)". The FACES Financial System will automatically generate the appropriate rate of \$681.00 for SMAS.

"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.

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](#)

[Section 4 Chapter 17 Respite Care Subsection 6: Guidelines for Use](#)

[Section 4 Chapter 17 Respite Care Subsection 7: Reimbursement for Respite Care](#)

[Section 4 Chapter 17 Respite Care Subsection 8: Respite for Youth with Elevated Needs-Level B Resource Providers](#)

[Section 8 Chapter 7 Attachment A: Children's Treatment Services Catalog](#)

FACES REQUIREMENTS

N/A