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Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance Payment Program

Foster care maintenance payments are made for eligible children in licensed family foster homes, relative foster homes, group homes, emergency shelters, residential facilities, and public and private childcare institutions and pre-adoptive homes. Specialized foster homes offering therapeutic treatment services may be eligible for reimbursement for the costs of room and board.

Foster care maintenance payments are intended to provide the foster parent with funds to meet the child's "physical" needs, including the cost of board and room, personal needs, school needs (including such things as school supplies, school trips, and graduation expenses), transportation, clothing, and allowance. In addition, the payment recognizes that foster parents provide for the child's care and supervision needs, which, depending on the individual child, might include such tasks as teaching independent living skills, assisting with homework, modeling appropriate parenting for the child's legal parent or supervising phone calls with the parent. These costs are allowable for Federal financial participation under the Title IV-E Foster Care Program as foster care maintenance payments.

Counties may choose to augment the State rate with county funds based on additional needs identified in their particular county.

Foster Care Rates Schedule Effective July 1, 2023

The State rate schedule for foster care maintenance payments are as follows:

Family Foster Care

Base rate for family foster care – This includes room and board and personal incidentals.

Age	Daily Rate	Monthly Rate
0-12	\$28.21	\$858.02
13+	\$31.94	\$971.38

Relative Kinship Care

Base rate for relative kinship care – This includes room and board and personal incidentals.

Age	Daily Rate	Monthly Rate
0-12	\$28.21	\$858.02
13+	\$31.94	\$971.38

Initial Clothing Allowance (for all children entering foster care)

Age	Annual or One-time Rate
Birth through 4 years old	\$75.00
5 years through 12 years	\$105.00
13 years through 18 years	\$125.00
Emergency Clothing (1 time per year)	\$50.00

School Supplies (August of each year)

Age	Annual or One-time Rate
5 years through 12 years	\$17.00
13 years +	\$28.00

Foster Care Emergency Care Rates

These costs are allowable for Federal financial participation under the Title IV-E Foster Care Program as foster care maintenance payments, up to 14 days per episode beginning on the day the child is first placed in that setting. This includes a public or private non-medical, non-hardware secure, for profit or not-for-profit group home or childcare institution licensed by the State that accommodates no more than 25 children. Emergency care payments vary between \$25 per day and \$157.05 per day based on the intensity of supervision required.

Special Needs and Medically Fragile Rates

Supplemental maintenance payments are based on the needs of the child or the child's sibling and are in addition to the regular foster care rate. Supplemental maintenance payments are approved by category (level of care) and are not intended to be approved in conjunction with any other category and are limited to one supplemental maintenance payment per child. The exception to this is the sibling rates, which may be approved in conjunction with no more than one special rate or medically fragile category based upon the individual child's special needs.

The State approved rate schedule for foster care maintenance payments are as follows:

Special Needs and Medically Fragile Rates	Monthly Payment Plus
Special Needs Rate Level I	\$37.68
Special Needs Rate Level II	\$113.07
Special Needs Rate Level III	\$188.45
Medically Fragile Level I	\$188.45
Medically Fragile Level II	\$314.09
Medically Fragile Level III	\$628.18
Specialized Foster Care	\$550.54
Sibling Rate	\$65.00
Specialized Sibling Rate	\$472.67

Advanced and Specialized Foster Care Rate:

Advanced and Specialized foster care payments may be paid for certain categories of children who have greater than usual needs and/or who require more day-to-day supervision and/or attention than those without such conditions. Advanced and Specialized foster care rates are intended to compensate providers for the additional daily supervision, dispensing over the counter medicines, supervising the administration of prescribed medicines, and reasonable costs of administration and operation, required to provide care for a severely emotionally disturbed child who has disabling mental or behavioral health needs that cannot be managed without the availability of a 24 hour crisis triage, behavior management, and intensive clinical interventions from professional staff.

The State approved rate schedule for foster care maintenance payments are as follows:

Advanced Foster Care (AFC)

Age	Daily Rate	Monthly Rate
0-12	\$50.95	\$1,549.59
13+	\$54.68	\$1,663.09

Specialized Foster Care (SFC)

Age	Daily Rate	Monthly Rate
0-18	\$144.48	\$4,394.66

Respite Care Rate:

Respite payments are intended to reimburse a licensed foster parent for respite care provided when another licensed foster parent need someone to provide extended care for the child in foster care.

Family Foster Care

Age	Daily rate
0-12	\$21.02
13+	\$25.13

Advanced Family Foster Care

Age	Daily Rate
0-18	\$31.41