

FIELD 55 - Funding Source (alpha, 1 digit)

Field 55 is comprised of 4 boxes:

The three boxes arranged vertically underneath the heading “55. Funding Source” (IV-E, TEA and STATE) are to indicate the funding source for foster care and extended foster care maintenance payments.

The IV-E Admin Eligible Indicator box to the right of the STATE box is used to identify children eligible for IV-E **administrative** payments during the month even when the IV-E box in field 55 does not indicated this funding and is left blank.

Funding Source for Maintenance Payment Boxes:

Enter a code in one of the three vertical boxes to indicate the funding source to be used to reimburse the county for foster care assistance (maintenance) payments in Field 50. Enter a code in only one box. Leave all three boxes empty when no county foster care assistance payments are being claimed for reimbursement.

Here are the codes.

Code	Value
X	Used for children under 18 eligible for IV-E, TEA, or SFHF funding
E	Used for young adults in Extended Foster Care (FC to 21) eligible for IV-E or SFHF funding

• **Instructions for Children Under 18 Eligible for IV-E, TEA or State Foster Home Funding:**

- 1) Enter X in the IV-E box if an assistance payment is being made for a IV-E eligible child in an approved placement with a license number issued by NC DSS **unless** a child’s SSI funds are being used for all or part of the maintenance payment, in which case the IV-E box should be left blank. **(Note—**Enter X in the IV-E box if an assistance payment is being made for a IV-E eligible child placed in a NC DSS licensed group facility irrespective of when the child was placed in the facility. The system will calculate the two-week limit on IV-E reimbursements of new placements made after September 30, 2021 and will make appropriate adjustments.
- 2) Enter X in the TEA box if an assistance payment is made for a TEA eligible child who is not eligible for IV-E and does not have SSI. If TEA is the funding source, a date must be entered in Field 54. If TEA is coded and the begin date is not the first day of the month, the system will reimburse from State (SFHF) only for that month and from TEA for subsequent months.
- 3) Enter X in the STATE box if an assistance payment is made for a child who is not eligible for IV-E or TEA. Also enter X in the State box for a IV-E eligible child whose SSI funds are being used and the balance of the foster care assistance payment is being claimed under SFHF.

- **Instructions for Young Adults in Extended Foster Care (FC to 21)**

- 1) Enter E in the IV-E box if an assistance payment is being made for a young adult who is IV-E eligible even if the young adult is concurrently eligible for SSI.
- 2) Enter E in the STATE box if an assistance payment is being made for a young adult who is not IV-E eligible.

IV-E Admin Eligible Indicator Box:

The IV-E Admin Eligible Indicator is the fourth box in field 55 and is located immediately to the right of the box labeled "State." This box is used to identify otherwise IV-E eligible children or young adults who are eligible for IV-E administrative payments during the month even though IV-E was not used to reimburse the county for a maintenance payment (i.e., the IV-E box in field 55 is left blank). The IV-E Admin Eligible Indicator box captures situations in which children should be included in the calculation of the IV-E penetration rate used to reimburse counties for administrative costs. **Place a Y in the IV-E Admin Eligible Indicator if the IV-E eligibility box is blank and any of the following situations below are true. Otherwise, place an N in the IV-E Admin Eligible Indicator.**

- **A IV-E eligible child's SSI is being used for foster care assistance payments and any balance is being claimed as SFHF**
- A IV-E eligible child was on runaway status from a reimbursable placement at least one day in the month
- A IV-E eligible child was placed in an unlicensed relative home at least one day in the month for which an application for licensure or approval of the home as a family foster home is pending. Application or approval of licensure should be considered pending once the relative has requested to begin the licensure process or has signed up for foster care licensure classes. Eligibility for administrative payments under this exception can last no longer than 12 months or the average time it takes to license or approve a foster home.
- A IV-E eligible child was in a court-ordered trial home placement every day of a federal fiscal quarter. (January-March, April-June, July-September or October-December.) This box can only be checked on 5094s that are completed after the months of March, June, September, and December.)
- A IV-E eligible young adult in FC 18-21 is eligible for administrative payments even though the IV-E maintenance funding box is blank because the young adult was not in an approved placement that month.