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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DEAR DIRECTORS OF PRIVATE CHILD PLACING AGENCIES AND RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE AGENCIES

ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, SOCIAL WORKERS, AND FISCAL STAFF

SUBJECT: DCDL_CWS_40_2023_FOSTER CARE RATES AND PROVIDERS PARTICIPATING IN COST MODELED RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

PURPOSE

This letter will provide county agencies with guidance as to foster care rates. In addition, the attached listing indicates private agencies *who have completed the rate setting process and are eligible for Cost Modeled Rates* in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Standard board rates for foster care (and adoption services)

As of July 1, 2023, foster care board rates have increased. As related to foster care services, the following rates should be utilized for North Carolina licensed placements including, but not limited to DSS family foster homes, Therapeutic family foster care services, Residential Treatment (Level 2), *and payments to licensed providers not participating in cost modeled rates.*

Effective July 1, 2023, and ongoing the Standard Board rate for foster services is as follows:

Child Age Group	Standard Board Rate
0 – 5	\$ 702 / month
6 – 12	\$ 742 / month
13 and up	\$ 810 / month

Standardized Rates for Residential Child Care Agencies and Child Placing Agencies providing foster care services under Cost Modeled Rate Status

Through participation in an annual cost finding and rate setting process, Residential Child Care Agencies and Child Placing Agencies (CPA) establish a supportable basis for state and federal participation above the standard board rate. Including the increase in the board rates, the Cost Modeled Rates for the state fiscal year 2023-2024 are as follows:

Residential Child Care Agency Rates for Participating Providers (**see attached listing of agencies**)

Child Age Group	Maximization Rate
0 – 5	\$ 4,506 / month
6 – 12	\$ 4,598 / month
13 and up	\$ 4,692 / month

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Child Placing Agency Rates for Participating Providers (**see attached listing of agencies**):

Child Age Group	Maintenance Portion	Administrative Portion	Total Maximization Rate
0 – 5	\$ 702	\$ 1,047	\$ 1,749 / month
6 – 12	\$ 742	\$ 1,105	\$ 1,847 / month
13 and up	\$ 810	\$ 1,117	\$ 1,927 / month

Reimbursement is dependent on the approved funding source of the client **and** the rate status of the provider. Agencies should refer to the Child Placement and Payment System and Child Welfare System reports for allowed reimbursements amounts.

Rates for Residential Treatment Level 3 and Level 4

Special treatment placement's daily room and board rates *have not changed* for care in Level 3 and Level 4 homes. These rates will continue at the following:

Care Level of Home	Number of Beds	Daily Rate For Room and Board	Daily Rate For Treatment Services**
Level 3	0 – 4	\$ 43 / day	253.62
Level 3	5 and up	\$ 33 / day	210.49
Level 4	0 – 4	\$ 43 / day	341.63
Level 4	5 and up	\$40 / day	341.63

** Medicaid HCSPCS MH/DD/SA Service Rates for treatment are established by DMA and are subject to change (last update 03/01/2022).

For Reference, the current treatment rates for services in Level 1 or Level 2 are as follows:

Care of Home	Daily Rate For Treatment Services**
Therapeutic Foster Care Level 1	56.23
Therapeutic Foster Care Level 2	97.22
Group Home	140.13

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If you have any questions concerning rates or provider information, please contact Tina Bumgarner at Tina.Bumgarner.dhhs.nc.gov or by phone at (828) 397-3901.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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