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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: FOSTER CARE RATES AND PROVIDERS PARTICIPATING IN COST MODELED RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

**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 2021-2022 fiscal year.

**Standard board rates for foster care (and adoption services)**

New legislation, effective January 1, 2022, provided changes to previously rates for foster care services or adoption assistance. Rates for services prior to this date will continue based on the previous published rates for services. As related to foster care services, the new 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 January 1, 2022 the Standard Board foster care assistance rates for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 are as follows:

Child Age Group	Standard Board Rate
0 – 5	\$ 514 / month
6 – 12	\$ 654 / month
13 and up	\$ 698 / 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 establish a supportable basis for state and federal participation above the standard board rate. Effective January 1, 2022 rates for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 are as follows:*

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

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Child Age Group	Maximization Rate
0 – 5	\$ 4,318 / month
6 – 12	\$ 4,510 / month
13 and up	\$ 4,580 / month

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

Child Age Group	Maintenance Portion	Administrative Portion	Total Maximization Rate
0 – 5	\$ 514	\$ 958	\$ 1,472 / month
6 – 12	\$ 654	\$ 983	\$ 1,637 / month
13 and up	\$ 698	\$ 1004	\$ 1,702 / 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 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	232.88
Level 3	5 and up	\$ 33 / day	189.75
Level 4	0 – 4	\$ 43 / day	315.71
Level 4	5 and up	\$40 / day	315.71

\*\* Medicaid HCSPCS MH/DD/SA Service Rates for treatment are established by DMA and are subject to change

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	49.75
Therapeutic Foster Care Level 2	88.58
Group Home	126.31

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

Sincerely,



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Senior Director of Child, Family and Adult Services  
Division of Social Services

Attachment: 2021-2022 FC-CMR Agency List

Cc:

Carla McNeill, Section Chief for Permanency  
Teresa Strom, Section Chief for County Operations  
Linda Waite, Section Chief for Regulatory and Licensing  
Kathy Stone, Section Chief for Safety and Prevention  
Local Business Liaisons  
Susan Kesler, DHHS Office of the Controller