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July 28, 2023

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_48_2023_INCREASE OF COST MODELED ADMINISTRATIVE RATE FOR CHILD PLACING AGENCIES EFFECTIVE JULY 2023 CONTINUATION OF BRIDGE FUNDING FOR SFY 2023-2024

REQUIRED ACTION: [X] Information Only [X] Time Sensitive [] Immediate

PURPOSE

This letter is to inform county agencies of legislative approval under SL 2023-14 for an increase to the administrative portion of the Child Placing Agency Cost Modeled Rate for foster care placements.

RE: https://www.ncdhhs.gov/cws402023/download?attachment

Update to Cost Modeled Rates

SL 2023-14 provided two increases for foster care payments that became effective July 1, 2023. Under section 6.7(a) the foster care board rates were increased and section 6.8 included a special appropriation to implement an increase to the administrative portion of the cost modeled rates for participating private providers.

Effective July 1, 2023 and ongoing the Cost Modeled Rate for Participating Child Placing Agencies will be:

Table with 4 columns: Child Age Group, Maintenance Portion, Administrative Portion, Total Maximization Rate. Rows include age groups 0-5, 6-12, and 13 and up with corresponding monetary values.

A listing of participating agencies is available at: https://www.ncdhhs.gov/cws402023a1/download?attachment

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The reimbursement rate 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 allowable reimbursement amounts.

Continuation of Bridge funding for Congregate Care

In addition, SL 2023-14 Section 6.9 provided nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to assist counties with the federal funding loss for congregate care under the Families First Prevention Service Act and extend the current bridge funding allocation. Bridge funding distribution will continue under the current process. County agencies should continue to follow the original guidance provided for data entry.

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/cws442021/download?attachment>
<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/cws442021a/download?attachment>

If you have any questions concerning rates, funding 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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