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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**SUBJECT: SFY 2002-2003 FACILITY RATES**

**ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE SUPERVISORS  
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The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information on the **Foster Care Maximization Program** and the list of **Facility Rates** for member agencies for SFY 2002-03.

Effective this year, the DHHS Controller's Office is responsible for establishing **Facility Rates** (i.e. cost-of-care rates) for agencies that participate in this program. In order to participate, agencies must comply with program requirements in North Carolina Administrative Code (10NCAC41M). The regulations in 10NCAC41M reflect federal regulations with which the DHHS Controller's Office, the Division of Social Services and agencies must comply in order for North Carolina to maintain this program. Private child-caring agencies must enter into a formal contract with the Division in order to receive reimbursements directly from the state.

Establishing **Facility Rates** allows North Carolina to claim additional federal IV-E and TEA foster care reimbursements for county DSS agencies and participating private child-caring agencies. Specifically, this program enables the state to receive federal IV-E and TEA reimbursement for costs in excess of the standard board rate that are incurred on behalf of IV-E and certain TEA eligible children.

**If the cost of a child's placement is in excess of the standard board rate, it is very important that county DSS staff ensure that the child-caring agency is participating in the maximization program.** If a county DSS determines that a potential placement resource for an eligible child does not have a **Facility Rate** established by the DHHS Controller's Office, the enclosed information on the facility rate-setting procedures may be shared with them. The facility or agency will then need to contact Elsie Roane at (919) 733-4622 to request inclusion in the **Maximization Program** to determine if they meet the requirements. Once a facility or agency becomes a member, the Division will notify them on an annual basis about the facility-rate setting schedule and procedures.

Following are several examples of how Title IV-E and TEA reimbursements are made to a county DSS and a participating agency (Agency X).

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**Example 1:** Agency X has a Facility Rate of \$4000.00 per month per child. The county DSS pays Agency X a \$1000.00 monthly foster care payment for a IV-E eligible child. \$1000.00 is entered in Field 50 (Monthly Rate) on the DSS 5094. The county DSS receives federal and state reimbursement for the standard board rate (SBR) and also receives federal reimbursement for the difference between the amount entered in Field 50 of the DSS 5094 and the SBR. The calculation is:  $\$1000.00 - \text{SBR} \times \text{federal participation rate (currently 62.49\%)} = \text{federal reimbursement received by the county DSS for payment made above the SBR}$ . In addition, Agency X receives federal reimbursement for the difference between the amount paid by the county DSS and the Facility Rate. The calculation is:  $\$4,000.00 - \$1,000.00 = \$3,000 \times 62.49\% = \$1874.70$  received by Agency X. In this example, Agency X received a total of \$2874.70 from the county DSS and the state DSS.

**Example 2:** Agency X has an established Facility Rate of \$1000.00 per month. The county DSS pays Agency X a \$1000.00 monthly foster care payment for a IV-E eligible child. \$1,000.00 is entered in Field 50 (Monthly Rate) on the DSS 5094. Since the county DSS paid the full amount of the Facility Rate, the DSS receives state and federal reimbursement for the SBR and also federal reimbursement for the difference between the amount they paid and the SBR ( $\$1,000 - \$415 = \$585 \times 62.49\% = \$365.57$ ). Agency X does not receive any federal IV-E Maximization reimbursement from the state in this example.

**Example 3:** Agency X has an established Facility Rate of \$1000.00 per month. The county DSS pays Agency X a \$1000.00 monthly foster care payment for a TEA eligible child. \$1,000.00 is entered in Field 50 (Monthly Rate) on the DSS 5094. Since the county DSS paid the full amount of the Facility Rate, the DSS receives state and federal reimbursement for the SBR of 100% and also federal reimbursement for the difference between the amount they paid and the SBR ( $\$1,000 - \$415 = \$585 \times 100\% = \$585$ ). Agency X does not receive any additional reimbursement in this example.

For child-caring facilities operated by county Departments of Social Services, federal IV-E and TEA maximization reimbursements are received directly by the county Department of Social Services. In such situations, the established monthly **Facility Rate** must be shown in Field 50 (Monthly Rate) of the DSS 5094 in order for the county DSS to receive the full maximization reimbursement.

According to federal and state regulations, foster care payment claims are not allowed to exceed the state-established Facility Rates. Therefore, if counties choose to pay an amount greater than the state-established Facility Rate, no reimbursement is received for the amount in excess of the Facility Rate. In addition, North Carolina Administrative Code includes a cost containment requirement in which the Child and Family Services Association of North Carolina recommends a cap or maximum facility rate for each type of care each year. Therefore, no **Facility Rate** established by the Division is allowed to exceed the maximum rate established, regardless of the facility's actual cost of care. The caps (maximum allowable, monthly cost of care) set for each type of care for FY 2002-03 are as follows:

<b>(CAMP)</b>	<b>FOSTER CARE CAMP</b>	<b>\$4653.00</b>
<b>(EMERG)</b>	<b>EMERGENCY CARE (off-campus)</b>	<b>\$5752.00</b>

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<b>(FOSTER)</b>	<b>PRIVATE FAMILY FOSTER HOME</b>	<b>\$3716.00</b>
<b>(GROUP)</b>	<b>GROUP HOME (9 OR FEWER)</b>	<b>\$6261.00</b>
<b>(INIT)</b>	<b>INSTITUTIONAL CARE</b>	<b>\$5929.00</b>

The attached list of the 2002-03 **Facility Rates** is arranged alphabetically by facility and by type. Institutions which provide two or more types of care on one campus receive a blended rate of care and are listed under institutional care. Once again this year the Facility Rates listed are inclusive of an adjustment for inflation for FY 2001-02 and for FY 2002-03.

The enclosed list indicates with an asterisk (\*) those agencies that are also members of the State Funds Program. State Funds are designated to supplement the foster care costs for non-IV-E children in placement with member agencies. The current appropriation of State Funds totals \$9.3 million and is paid exclusively to member agencies in accordance with 10NCAC41M. Reimbursements are made based on the available funds and the agency's Facility Rate less any foster care payment and child's resources shown on a child's DSS 5094. Counties that pay in excess of the Standard Board Rate for children placed with these agencies should be able to realize some reduction in county costs for these placements.

If you have questions about this information, please refer to the Children's Services manual, Volume I: Chapter IV: Section 1203 or you may contact Elsie D. Roane at (919) 733-4622. Another source of information which lists facility rates is the quarterly XPTR report: **FCF 402: Foster Care Placement Resources.**

Sincerely,



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## 2002-03 FACILITY RATES

1*	Agape House	Group	\$6,261.00
2	Agape of NC	Foster	\$2,228.00
3a*	Alexander - Caldwell	Group	\$3,170.00
3b*	Alexander Children's Center	Foster	\$1,537.00
3c*	Alexander Children's Center	Group	\$5,282.00
3d*	Alexander Children's Center	Institutional	\$5,929.00
4	Alliance, Inc. (Mentor)	Foster	\$2,294.00
5	Alpha Management Community Services	Foster	\$3,716.00
6a*	American Children's Home	Foster	\$1,965.00
6b*	American Children's Home	Institutional	\$4,837.00
7*	Arosa House/The Family Center	Group	\$6,261.00
8*	Ashe Youth Services/Copper Kettle	Group	\$5,868.00
9a*	Baptist Children's Home of NC	Group	\$4,324.00
9b*	Baptist Children's Homes of NC	Instit/Emer	\$4,765.00
9c*	Baptist Children's Homes of NC	Camp	\$4,154.00
10*	Barium Springs Home for Children	Institutional	\$5,929.00
11	Benson Children's Home for Children	Emergency	\$2,218.00
12*	Bertie Martin Beaufort County Shelter Home	Emergency	\$3,388.00
13	Bethany Christian Services of NC	Foster	\$1,009.00
14a*	Boys & Girls Homes of NC	Foster	\$1,601.00
14b*	Boys & Girls Homes of NC	Institutional	\$4,228.00
15	Caring Family Network/Youth Dev.	Foster	\$3,068.00
16a*	Caring for Children	Emergency	\$5,752.00
16b*	Caring for Children	Foster	\$2,684.00
16c*	Caring for Children	Group	\$3,375.00
17a*	Caring for Children /BIABH	Foster	\$2,542.00
17b*	Caring for Children/BIABH	Intensive/Foster	\$3,716.00
18	Carolina's Caring Connection	Foster	\$2,796.00
19	Catawba County Dept of Social Services	Group	\$6,261.00
20*	Central Children's Home of NC	Institutional	\$3,459.00
21*	Cherokee Center for Family Services	Institutional	\$5,929.00
22	Children's Center of Surry	Emergency	\$5,289.00
23a*	Children's Home (The)	Emergency	\$2,772.00
23b*	Children's Home (The)	Foster	\$980.00
23c*	Children's Home (The)	Institutional	\$5,929.00
24*	Children's Home Society of NC	Foster	\$1,447.00
25*	Children's Homes of Cleveland County	Group	\$3,105.00
26*	Church of God Children's Home of NC	Institutional	\$2,658.00
27	Concern of Durham	Group	\$6,261.00
28	Crisis Line/Open House of Coastal Horizons	Emergency	\$5,752.00
29*	Crossnore School	Institutional	\$4,303.00
30	Cumberland County Dept of Social Services	Group	\$6,261.00
31*	Ebenezer Gardens Christian Children's Home	Group	\$3,723.00
32	Eckerd Youth Services	Camp	\$4,653.00
33a*	Eliada	Foster	\$1,460.00
33b*	Eliada	Group	\$5,995.00
33c*	Eliada	Institutional	\$5,929.00
34a*	Elon Homes for Children	Foster	\$2,459.00
34b*	Elon Homes for Children	Institutional	\$5,482.00
35*	Children's Homes of Iredell County.	Group	\$3,948.00
36*	Falcon Children's Homes	Institutional	\$2,489.00
37	Family Emergency Teen Shelter	Emergency	\$5,752.00
38a*	Family Resources - Rutherford Cty.	Emergency	\$3,736.00
38b*	Family Resources - Rutherford Cty.	Group	\$2,785.00

39*	Florence Crittenton Services	Institutional	\$4,519.00
40	Forward Care Management	Group	\$5,459.00
41a*	Free Will Baptist Children's Home	Emergency	\$3,724.00
41b*	Free Will Baptist Children's Home	Group	\$3,539.00
41c*	Free Will Baptist Children's Home	Institutional	\$2,947.00
42*	Grandfather Home	Institutional	\$5,929.00
43a*	Haven House	Emergency	\$5,752.00
43b*	Haven House	Foster	\$3,716.00
43c*	Haven House	Group	\$5,627.00
44	Henderson County DSS Spectrum Youth Home	Group	\$5,752.00
45	Hillcrest - Lee County Youth & Adult Services-Emergency		\$3,626.00
46	Kidspace National Centers, Inc.	Foster	\$3,716.00
47*	LifeGains, Inc	Foster	\$2,246.00
48*	Loray Girls Home, Inc	Group	\$4,912.00
49a*	Lutheran Family Services	Emergency	\$4,758.00
49b*	Lutheran Family Services	Foster	\$1,206.00
49c*	Lutheran Family Services	Group	\$4,990.00
50	McDowell County DSS - Holly Hill	Emergency	\$2,777.00
51a*	Methodist Home for Children	Emergency	\$5,752.00
51b*	Methodist Home for Children	Foster	\$1,455.00
51c*	Methodist Home for Children	Group	\$6,261.00
52*	Mountain Youth Resources	Emergency	\$5,324.00
53a*	Nazareth Children's Home	Foster	\$1,324.00
53b*	Nazareth Children's Home	Institutional	\$5,390.00
54	Omni Community Services	Foster	\$3,112.00
55	Onslow County Youth Services	Emergency	\$5,752.00
56*	Phoenix Group Homes	Group	\$4,508.00
57*	Presbyterian Home for Children	Institutional	\$4,525.00
58a*	Rainbow Center	Emergency	\$3,437.00
58b*	Rainbow Center	Group	\$3,947.00
59	Robeson House	Emergency	\$3,257.00
60	Royal Home	Group	\$5,550.00
61	Save the Children	Group	\$4,160.00
62	Serendipity House (Quad )	Group	\$3,789.00
63	Serenity Group Home	Group	\$2,476.00
64	Seven Homes	Foster	\$1,104.00
65*	Sipe's Orchard Home	Institutional	\$5,929.00
66*	Southmountain Children's Homes	Institutional	\$3,891.00
67	Specialized Children's Care	Group	\$4,459.00
68a*	Thompson Children's Home	Foster	\$2,393.00
68b*	Thompson Children's Home	Institutional	\$5,929.00
68c*	Thomson Children's Home	Group	\$6,261.00
69	Union County Department of Social Services	Emergency	\$3,382.00
70	United Cerebral Palsey	Foster	\$3,716.00
71*	Volunteer Families for Children of NC	Foster	\$3,716.00
72	Wake County Human Services	Emergency	\$5,752.00
73	With Friends	Emergency	\$5,752.00
74	Yadkin County Group Home	Group	\$3,919.00
75	Yes I Can	Group	\$4,969.00
76a*	Youth Focus	Emergency	\$5,752.00
76b*	Youth Focus	Group	\$5,345.00
76c*	Youth Focus	Institutional	\$5,929.00
77a*	Youth Homes	Foster	\$2,510.00
77b*	Youth Homes	Group	\$6,124.00
78	Youth Network (AKA - Relatives)	Emergency	\$5,752.00
79a*	Youth Opportunities	Emergency	\$4,600.00
79b*	Youth Opportunities	Group	\$6,261.00

80*	Youth Unlimited	Group		\$3,715.00
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