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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: SFY 2000-2001 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 2000-01.

Each year, the Division of Social Services establishes **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 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 Division of Social Services, 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

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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).

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.

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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 2000-01 are as follows:

(CAMP)	FOSTER CARE CAMP	\$2,675.00
(EMERG)	EMERGENCY CARE (off-campus)	\$5,257.00
(FOSTER)	PRIVATE FAMILY FOSTER HOME	\$2,660.00
(GROUP)	GROUP HOME (9 OR FEWER)	\$5,835.00
(INIT)	INSTITUTIONAL CARE	\$5,851.00

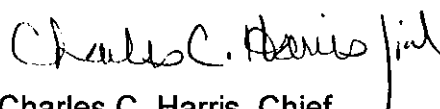
The attached list of the 2000-01 **Facility Rates** is arranged alphabetically by facility and by type. Institutions which provide two or more types of care on one campus receive a blended rate of care and are listed under institutional care. **If any agency/facility's actual cost of care exceeds the maximum allowable monthly cost of care established by the Association, the actual cost of care is also listed for informational purposes.** This year, for the first time, the Facility Rates listed are inclusive of an adjustment for inflation for FY 1999/00 and for FY 2000/01

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.

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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 RMDS report: **FCF 402: Foster Care Placement Resources.**

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2000-01 FACILITY RATES

1. AGAPE OF NORTH CAROLINA	
FOSTER	\$2660 (actual cost = \$5429)
2. *AGAPE HOUSE, INC.	
GROUP	\$5835 (actual cost = \$8964)
3. *ALEXANDER CHILDREN'S HOME	
FOSTER	\$2465
INIT	\$5835
4. *AMERICAN CHILDREN'S HOME	
INIT	\$3475
FOSTER	\$1360
5. *ASHE YOUTH SERVICES, INC.	
GROUP	\$3223
6. *AROSA HOUSE-THE FAMILY CENTER	
GROUP	\$5250
7. *BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME	
INIT	\$4728
GROUP	\$3495
CAMP	\$2675
8. *BARIUM SPRINGS	
INIT	\$5851 (actual cost = \$10,984)
9. BENSON CHILDREN'S HOME	
EMER	\$5136
10. *BERTIE MARTIN BEAUFORT SHELTER	
EMER	\$2564
11. BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES	
FOSTER	\$842
12. *BOYS & GIRLS HOMES OF NC	
INIT	\$4191
FOSTER	\$2660 (actual cost = \$44,342)
13. *CALDWELL RESIDENTIAL SERVICES	
GROUP	\$5560
14. *CARING FOR CHILDREN	
EMERG	\$5257 (actual cost = \$5542)
GROUP	\$3644
FOSTER	\$2660
15. CATAWBA CO.DSS	
GROUP	\$5835 (actual cost = \$6427)
16. *CENTRAL CHILDREN'S HOME	
INIT	\$2696
17. *CHEROKEE CHILDREN'S HOME	
INIT	\$5851 (actual cost = \$6575)
18. CHILDREN'S CENTER OF SURRY	
GROUP	\$3040
19. *THE CHILDREN'S HOME	
FOSTER	\$2660 (actual cost = \$4881)
GROUP	\$4400 (new - average)
INIT	\$5851 (actual cost = \$7428)
20. *CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY	
FOSTER	\$1274
21. *CHILDREN'S HOMES OF CLEVELAND CO.	
GROUP	\$3362
22. *CHURCH OF GOD CHILDREN'S HOME	
INIT	\$1765
23. COASTAL HORIZONS CENTER (CRISIS LINE/OPEN HOUSE)	
EMERG	\$3956
24. CONCERN OF DURHAM	
GROUP	\$4390
25. *CROSSNORE	
INIT	\$5108

26. CUMBERLAND CO.DSS	
GROUP	\$5835 (actual cost = \$6223)
27. *EBENEZER GARDENS CHR. CHN'S. HOME	
GROUP	\$2927
28. *ELIADA CHILDREN'S HOME	
FOSTER	\$1338
INIT	\$5851 (actual cost = \$6918)
GROUP	\$3260
29. *ELON HOMES FOR CHILDREN	
FOSTER	\$2021
INIT	\$5851 (actual cost = \$7455)
30. *EMERGENCY C C IREDELL CO.	
GROUP	\$3001
31. *FALCON CHILDREN'S HOME	
INIT	\$2064
32. FAMILY EMERGENCY TEEN SHELTER	
EMER	\$4836
33. *FLORENCE CRITTENTON SERVICES	
INIT	\$4339
34. FORWARD CARE MANAGEMENT	
GROUP	\$4891
35. *FREE WILL BAPTIST CHIN'S HOME	
EMERG	\$3154
INIT	\$2344
36. *GRANDFATHER HOME FOR CHILDREN	
INIT	\$5851 (actual cost = \$8719)
37. *HAVEN HOUSE	
EMERG	\$5257 (actual cost = \$10,963)
FOSTER	\$2660 (actual cost = \$4815)
GROUP	\$3737
38. HENDERSON CO. YOUTH SERVICES	
EMERG	\$5257 (actual cost = \$7407)
39. HILLCREST YOUTH SHELTER (LEE COUNTY)	
EMERG	\$3316
40. *LIFEGAINS	
FOSTER	\$2159
41. *LORAY GIRLS HOME	
GROUP	\$4722
42. *LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES	
EMERG	\$4651
FOSTER	\$ 914
GROUP	\$5835
43. MCDOWELL CO. DSS	
EMERG	\$2432
44 *METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN	
EMERG	\$4317
FOSTER	\$1526
GROUP	\$5653
45. *MOUNTAIN YOUTH RESOURCES	
EMERG	\$4668
46. *NAZARATH CHILDREN'S HOME	
FOSTER	\$2091 (new - average)
INIT	\$3536
47. *NOAH'S HOUSE-FAMILY RES. OF RUTHERFORDTON	
EMERG	\$3207
48. OASIS OF LOVE HOMES, INC.	
GROUP	\$2825
49. ONSLOW CO. YOUTH SERVICES	
EMERG	\$5257 (actual cost = 12,756)
50. *PHOENIX GROUP HOMES	
GROUP	\$4064
51. *PRESBYTERIAN HOME	
INIT	\$3439

52. *RAINBOW CENTER		
	EMERG	\$3182
53. THE RELATIVES/TRANSITION HOUSE		
	EMERG	\$5257
54. ROBESON HOUSE, INC.		
	EMERG	\$2929
55. THE ROYAL HOME		
	GROUP	\$4558
56. SAVE THE CHN MATERNITY HOME		
	GROUP	\$5834
57. SERENDIPITY		
	GROUP	\$3828
58. *SIPE'S ORCHARD HOME		
	INIT	\$4615
59. *SOUTH MOUNTAIN		
	INIT	\$3576
60. SPECIALIZED CHILDREN'S CARE/CHOICES		
	GROUP	\$3918
61. *THOMPSON CHILDREN'S HOME		
	FOSTER	\$2660 (actual cost = \$3771)
	GROUP	\$4166
	INIT	\$5851 (actual cost = \$10,329)
62. UNION CO.DSS		
	EMERG	\$3573
63. VISIONS of NORTH CAROLINA		
	GROUP	\$5835 (actual cost = \$12,720)
64. *VOLUNTEER FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN		
	FOSTER	\$ 2660 (actual cost = \$5957)
65. WAKE CO. HUMAN SERVICES		
	EMERG	\$4750
66. *WATAUGA-AVERY YOUTH SERVICES, INC.		
	GROUP	\$3768
67. *WILKES COUNTY GROUP HOMES, INC.		
	GROUP	\$3896
68. WITH FRIENDS SHELTER		
	EMERG	\$5257 (actual cost = \$6869)
69. YADKIN CO.DSS		
	GROUP	\$5835 (actual cost = \$7828)
70. *YAHWEH CENTER		
	FOSTER	\$2660 (actual cost = \$8622)
	GROUP	\$5309
71. YES I CAN, WE CARE		
	GROUP	\$5835 (actual cost = \$6927)
72. *YOUTH FOCUS		
	EMERG	\$4641
	GROUP	\$4119
	INST	\$5851
73. *YOUTH HOMES		
	FOSTER	\$2467
	GROUP	\$3753
74. *YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES		
	GROUP	\$5634 (actual cost = \$6946)
	EMERG	\$5835 (actual cost = \$6741)
75. *YOUTH UNLIMITED BOYS HOME		
	GROUP	\$3432

NOTE: (*) Starred facilities/agencies are members of the State Funds Program. Members of this program are reimbursed approximately 65% of the FACILITY RATE for SFHF eligible (i.e. non IV-E eligible) children in placement.