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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION SUPERVISORS AND FISCAL STAFF

SUBJECT: FOSTER CARE RATES AND PROVIDERS PARTICIPATING IN COST MODELED RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

This letter provides county agencies with guidance as to foster care rates and providers who have completed the rate setting process and are eligible for Cost Modeled Rates for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Standard Board Rates for Foster Care and Adoption Services

The General Assembly has not made changes to previous rates for foster care services or adoption assistance. The ongoing rates for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 are as follows:

Child Age Group	Standard Board Rate
0 – 5	\$ 475 / month
6 – 12	\$ 581 / month
13 and up	\$ 634 / month

In the case of foster care services, the rates above should be utilized for licensed placements including, but not limited to:

- DSS family foster homes;
- Therapeutic family foster care services (level 1 and 2);
- Residential Treatment (Group level 2); and,
- Payments to licensed providers who do not participate in cost modeled rates

Standardized Rates for Child Placing Agencies and Residential foster facilities

Participation in an annual cost finding and rate setting process, Child Placing Agencies (CPA) and Residential Child Care Institutions (CCI) establishes a basis for state and federal participation above the standard board rate. The General Assembly has not made changes to previous rates. The ongoing rates for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 are as follows:

Residential Rates for Participating Providers (**see attached listing**)

Child Age Group	Maximization Rate
0 – 5	\$ 4,279 / month
6 – 12	\$ 4,437 / month
13 and up	\$ 4,516 / month

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

Child Age Group	Maintenance Portion	Administrative Portion	Total Maximization Rate
0 – 5	\$ 475	\$ 958	\$ 1,433 / month
6 – 12	\$ 581	\$ 983	\$ 1,564 / month
13 and up	\$ 634	\$ 1004	\$ 1,638 / month

Reimbursement is dependent upon the funding source of the client. Agencies should refer to the Child Placement and Payment System reports for allowed reimbursement amounts (PQA020 for Board, PQA022 for Maximization).

Rates for Residential Treatment Level 3 and Level 4

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

Care Level of Home	Number of Beds	Daily Rate for Room and Board	Daily Rate for Treatment Services**
Level 3	0 – 4	\$ 43	\$ 232.88
Level 3	5 and up	\$ 33	\$ 189.75
Level 4	0 – 4	\$ 43	\$ 315.71
Level 4	5 and up	\$40	\$ 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 placements are as follows:

Care Level 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 or by phone at (828) 397-3901.

Sincerely,



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Attachment (1)

cc: NC DSS Local Business Liaisons
Mike Thompson, DHHS Office of the Controller

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