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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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: X 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 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Standard board rates for foster care (and adoption services)

The legislation has not made changes to previously stated rates for foster care services or adoption assistance. As related to foster care services, the 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*

The ongoing rates for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 are as follows:

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

Standardized Rates for Child Placing Agencies and Residential foster facilities

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. The ongoing rates for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 are as follows:

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

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 of agencies**)

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 on the funding source of the client. 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 or by phone at (828) 397-3901.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

- cc: Child Welfare Services Team Leaders
- Regulatory & Licensing Team Consultants
- Regional Child Welfare Consultants
- Local Business Liaisons
- Susan Kesler, DHHS Office of the Controller