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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 2019-2020**

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 for the 2019-2020 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. The ongoing rates for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 are as follows:

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

As related to foster care services, the rates above 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

**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 legislation has not made changes to previously rates. The ongoing rates for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 are as follows:

Residential Child Care Agency 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  |

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

| Child Age Group | Maintenance Portion | Administrative Portion | Total Maximization Rate |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
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|           |        |         |                  |
|-----------|--------|---------|------------------|
| 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 (PQA020 for Board, PQA022 for Maximization).

**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*

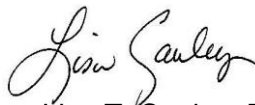
**For Reference, the current treatment rates for services in Level 1 or Level 2 placements are as follows:**

| 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](mailto:Tina.Bumgarner.dhhs.nc.gov) or by phone at (828) 397-3901.

Sincerely,



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