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SUBJECT: SFY 2003-2004 FACILITY RATES

**ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE SUPERVISORS
CHILD PLACEMENT STAFF**

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 2003-2004.

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. Additional information can be obtained from the controller's office web site at: <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/control1/fcf/fcfac.htm> 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).

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:

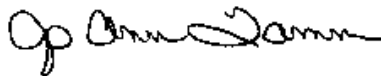
(CAMP)	FOSTER CARE CAMP	\$4086.00
(EMERG)	EMERGENCY CARE (off-campus)	\$6306.00
(FOSTER)	PRIVATE FAMILY FOSTER HOME	\$3976.00
(GROUP)	GROUP HOME (9 OR FEWER)	\$6463.00
(INIT)	INSTITUTIONAL CARE	\$5988.00

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. State Funds are 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 Kevin Kelley at (919) 733-4570. Another source of information which lists facility rates is the quarterly XPTR report: **FCF 402: Foster Care Placement Resources**.

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2003-04 FACILITY RATES

Agency Name	Type of Care	Monthly Amount
Agape of NC, Inc.	Foster	\$2,297
*Alexander Children's Center	Foster	\$2,120
*Alexander Children's Center	Group	\$5,232
*Alexander Children's Center	Institutional	\$3,212
Alliance Human Services, Inc.	Foster	\$3,839
Alpha Management Community Services	Foster	\$3,405
*American Children's Home	Foster	\$1,825
*American Children's Home	Institutional	\$5,131
*Ash Youth Services	Group	\$5,655
*BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NC INC	Group	\$3,386
*BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NC INC	Therapeutic Camps	\$4,086
*BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NC INC	Emergency	\$3,173
*BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NC INC	Institutional	\$5,134
*Barium Springs Home for Chilren	Institutional	\$5,988
Benson Childrens Home	Group	\$3,306
Bethany Christian Services	Foster	\$955
*BIABH/PROFESSIONAL PARENTING	Foster Intensive	\$3,976
*BIABH/PROFESSIONAL PARENTING	Foster	\$2,552
*BMB SHELTER HOME INC	Emergency	\$3,319
*Boys and Girls Homes of NC Inc	Foster	\$1,020
*Boys and Girls Homes of NC Inc Blended	Institutional	\$4,349
*Caring for Children, Inc.	Foster	\$1,691
*Caring for Children, Inc.	Emergency	\$5,769
*Caring for Children, Inc.	Group	\$3,957
Catawba County Depart of Social Services	Group	\$6,463
*CENTRAL CHILDREN'S HOME OF NC INC	Institutional	\$3,921
*CHEROKEE CENTER FOR FAMILY	Institutional	\$5,988
*Children's Home Society of North Carolina	Foster	\$1,493
*Children's Homes of Cleveland County	Group	\$3,411
*Children's Homes of Iredell County, Inc.	Group	\$4,223
*CHURCH OF GOD CHILDREN'S HOME	Institutional	\$3,452
Coastal Horizons Center, Inc.	Emergency	\$6,306
Concern of Durham	Group	\$6,352
*CROSSNORE SCHOOL INC	Institutional	\$3,919
CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEPT OF SOCIAL	Group	\$5,171
*Ebenezer Gardens Christian Children's Home	Group	\$2,908
ECKERD YOUTH ALTERNATIVES INC	Therapeutic Camps	\$3,645
*Eliada Homes, Inc.	Foster	\$1,472
*Eliada Homes, Inc.	Institutional	\$3,982
*Elon Homes for Children	Foster	\$2,109
*Elon Homes for Children	Institutional	\$5,537
*FALCON CHILDREN'S HOME OF THE INT'L	Institutional	\$2,473
*Family Resources Inc./Noah's House (Rutherford Co.)	Group	\$2,677
*Family Resources Inc./Noah's House (Rutherford Co.)	Emergency	\$3,588
*FLORENCE CRITTENTION SERVICES	Institutional	\$5,988
*Free Will Baptist Children's Home Inc.	Institutional	\$4,203
*Free Will Baptist Children's Home Inc.	Emergency	\$3,310
*Grandfather Home for Chlldren, Inc.	Foster	\$3,976
*Grandfather Home for Chlldren, Inc.	Institutional	\$5,988
*HAVEN HOUSE INC	Group	\$5,679

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*HAVEN HOUSE INC	Foster	\$3,976
*HAVEN HOUSE INC	Emergency	\$6,306
HENDERSON COUNTY OFFICE OF YOUTH	Group	\$6,408
HILCREST YOUTH SHELTER	Emergency	\$3,311
Holly Hill/McDowell County DSS	Emergency	\$3,943
HOMES THAT CARE INC	Group	\$6,463
*LIFEGAINS INC	Foster	\$2,300
*LORAY GIRLS HOME INC	Group	\$5,611
*LUTHERN FAMILY SERVICES IN THE	Emergency	\$6,306
*LUTHERN FAMILY SERVICES IN THE	Group	\$5,642
*LUTHERN FAMILY SERVICES IN THE	Foster	\$1,123
*METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN INC	Group	\$6,463
*METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN INC	Emergency	\$6,306
*METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN INC	Foster	\$1,413
*Mountain Youth Resources, Inc./Hawthorn	Emergency	\$6,306
*NAZARETH CHILDREN'S HOME	Institutional	\$5,226
*NAZARETH CHILDREN'S HOME	Foster	\$1,224
Omni Community Services, Inc. And Omni	Foster	\$2,754
Onslow County DSS Youth Services	Emergency	\$4,440
*Phoenix Group Homes, Inc.	Group	\$6,463
*PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN	Institutional	\$4,287
*Rainbow Center, Inc.	Group	\$4,499
*Rainbow Center, Inc.	Emergency	\$3,982
Robeson House	Emergency	\$3,501
Save The Babies House of Refuge	Group	\$5,888
SERENDIPITY HOUSE	Group	\$3,642
SERENITY GROUP HOME INC	Group	\$2,785
*SIPE'S ORCHARD HOME	Institutional	\$5,988
*Southmountain Children and Family Services	Institutional	\$3,453
SPECIALIZED CHILDREN'S CARE INC	Group	\$6,463
THE CHILDREN'S CENTER OF SURRY INC	Group	\$3,788
*The Children's Home	Emergency	\$6,306
*The Children's Home	Foster	\$3,654
*The Children's Home	Institutional	\$5,988
*THE FAMILY CENTER/AROSA HOUSE	Group	\$6,463
THE FAMILY EMERGENCY TEEN SHELTER	Emergency	\$6,306
THE ROYAL HOME	Group	\$4,077
*THOMPSON CHILDREN'S HOME	Foster	\$2,235
*THOMPSON CHILDREN'S HOME	Institutional	\$5,988
*THOMPSON CHILDREN'S HOME	Group	\$6,463
Union County DSS Emergency Group Home	Emergency	\$3,553
UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY	Foster	\$3,976
*VOLUNTEER FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN OF NC	Foster	\$3,976
WAKE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES	Emergency	\$5,893
WITH FRIENDS INC	Emergency	\$6,306
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF America	Foster	\$3,110
*YOUTH FOCUS INC	Emergency	\$5,825
*YOUTH FOCUS INC	Foster	\$2,890
*YOUTH FOCUS INC	Group	\$4,737
*Youth Homes, Inc.	Foster	\$2,867
*Youth Homes, Inc.	Group	\$5,941
YOUTH NETWORK INC CRISIS SHELTER	Emergency	\$6,306

Agency Name	Type of Care	Monthly Amount
*Youth Opportunities	Emergency	\$4,833
*Youth Opportunities	Group	\$6,127
*YOUTH UNLIMITED INC.	Group	\$4,551
*YOUTH UNLIMITED INC.	Foster	\$3,976