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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEAR DIRECTORS OF PRIVATE CHILD PLACING AGENCIES AND RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE
AGENCIES**

**ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS,
SUPERVISORS, SOCIAL WORKERS, AND FISCAL STAFF**

**SUBJECT: DCDL_CWS_41_22_FOSTER CARE-COST RATES AND PROVIDERS PARTICIPATING IN
COST MODELED RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023**

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 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Standard board rates for foster care (and adoption services)

As of January 1, 2022, foster care board rates were increased and *there are no changes for the current fiscal year*. As related to foster care services, the following 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*.

Effective January 1, 2022 and ongoing the Standard Board rate for foster services is as follows:

Child Age Group	Standard Board Rate
0 – 5	\$ 514 / month
6 – 12	\$ 654 / month
13 and up	\$ 698 / month

Standardized Rates for Residential Child Care Agencies and Child Placing Agencies providing foster care services under Cost Modeled Rate Status

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. Cost Modeled Rates for the state fiscal year 2022-2023 are as follows:

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

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Child Age Group	Maximization Rate
0 – 5	\$ 4,318 / month
6 – 12	\$ 4,510 / month
13 and up	\$ 4,580 / month

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

Child Age Group	Maintenance Portion	Administrative Portion (effective 7/2022)	Total Maximization Rate
0 – 5	\$ 514	\$ 1,047	\$ 1,561 / month
6 – 12	\$ 654	\$ 1,105	\$ 1,759 / month
13 and up	\$ 698	\$ 1,117	\$ 1,815 / month

Reimbursement is dependent on the approved funding source of the client **and** the rate status of the provider. 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 (last update 07/01/2012).

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

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