

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services **Division of Social Services** Child Welfare Services Section

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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: FOSTER CARE RATES AND PROVIDERS PARTICIPATING IN COST MODELED RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

This letter will provide 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 2012-2013 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 2012-2013 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 licensed placements including, but not limited to:

DSS family foster homes, Therapeutic family foster care services (level 2), Residential Treatment (Group level 2), and payments to licensed providers who do 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, Child Placing Agencies (CPA) and Residential Child Care Institution (CCI) agencies establish a supportable basis for state and federal participation above the standard board rate. The legislation has not made changes to previously stated rates. The ongoing rates for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 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

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

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	231.33
Level 3	5 and up	\$ 33 / day	188.49
Level 4	0-4	\$ 43 / day	313.61
Level 4	5 and up	\$40 / day	313.61

** 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 2 placements are as follows:

Care of Home	Daily Rate For Treatment Services**
Therapeutic Foster Care	88.00
Group Home	125.47

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If you have any questions concerning rates or provider information, please contact Tina Bumgarner at <u>Tina.Bumgarner.dhhs.nc.gov</u> or by phone at (828) 397-3901.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kelley, Section Chief Child Welfare Services

ATTACHMENT: 2012-2013 FC-CMR Agency List

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cc: Sherry Bradsher, Director Child Welfare Services Team Leaders Children's Program Representatives License Program Consultants Local Business Liaisons Mike Thompson, DHHS Controller's Office