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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: SFY 2005-2006 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 participating agencies for SFY 2005-2006.

The DHHS Controller s Office is responsible for establishing **Facility Rates** (i.e. costof-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 childcaring agencies. Specifically, this program enables the state to receive federal IV-E and TEA reimbursement for foster care 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 county DSS who places the minor will be responsible for the portion of the cost of care in excess of the standard board rate. The facility or agency may contact Tina Bumgarner at (704) 462-2686 to determine if they meet the requirements and to request inclusion in the **Maximization Program**.

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 monthly caps (allowable maximum facility rate) for each type of care for FY 2005-06 are as follows:

Family Foster Care: Administration = 1774, Maintenance = 1955 Group Care = 6097 Institutional = 6263 Emergency = 6162 Therapuetic Camping = 3980

Agencies who qualify for IV-E maximization in one type of care, and begin offering an additional type of care during the SFY, will be authorized for the state average for that new type of care.

The state averages for each type of care for the 2005-2006 SFY are:

Family Foster Care: Administration = 1049, Maintenance = 1049 Group Care = 4979 Institutional = 4883 Emergency = 5103 Therapuetic Camping = 3698

State Fund Agency members are indicated with an asterisk (*) on the enclosed list. These agencies are eligible for possible supplemental funds to assist with the foster care costs for <u>non-IV-E children</u> in placement with member agencies. Reimbursements are made based on the available funds, the agency s Facility Rate, and the foster care payment and resources reflected on a child s DSS 5094 form. 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 Tina Bumgarner at (704) 462-2686. An additional source of information is the: FCF 402: Foster Care Placement Resources report.

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DSS-FCFL State Agency Fund MONTHLY MONTHLY MONTHLY Agency Name MAINTENANCE Type ADMIN TOTAL Code Member Family Foster ADL Access Healthcare Alliance 1,049 1,049 2,098 * 404 AAQ Agape of NC Family Foster 1.687 2,091 * ABV Alexander Children's Center Family Foster 1,955 689 2,644 * ABV Alexander Children's Center Institutional 6,263 ADF Alliance Human Services Family Foster 1,440 1,774 3,214 * AAW American Children's Home Family Foster 597 866 1,463 * AAW American Children's Home Institutional 6,263 * ADI **Appalachian Family Innovations** Family Foster 1,385 1,541 2,926 Intensive Family * ADI **Appalachian Family Innovations** Foster 1,955 1,707 3,662 Baptist Children's Homes of North * AAV Carolina 4.208 Emergency Baptist Children's Homes of North AAV * Carolina 3,854 Group Baptist Children's Homes of North * AAV Carolina Institutional 4,595 Baptist Children's Homes of North Therapeutic * AAV Carolina Camp 3,980 * ABW Barium Springs Home for Children Institutional 6,263 Bertie-Martin-Beaufort Shelter Home * ABQ Emergency 3,803 Inc AAB Bethany Christian Services **Family Foster** 1,955 1,080 3,035 * ABX Boys and Girls Homes of NC Family Foster 469 547 1,016 * ABX Boys and Girls Homes of NC Institutional 3,917 * ABE Caring for Children 6,162 Emergency * ABE Caring for Children Family Foster 956 1,229 2,185 ABE * Caring for Children 4,572 Group Catawba County Depart of Social ADE Services Group 6.097 Central Children's Home of North * ABZ Carolina Institutional 4.220 Cherokee Center for Family ABY * Institutional Services 6,263 ACV Children's Center of Surry, The Group 4,570 * ABI Children's Home Society of NC Family Foster 523 1,133 1,656 * ABU Children's Home, Inc., The Family Foster 771 1,774 2,545 Children's Homes of Cleveland * ABF County Group 3,459 * AAN Children's Homes of Iredell County Group 3,877 * ACA Church of God Children's Home 3,411 Institutional AAM Coastal Horizons Center 6,162 Emergency

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Institutional

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FCFL Agency Code	State Fund Member	Agency Name	Туре	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	MONTHLY ADMIN	MONTHLY TOTAL
		Cumberland County	Group			6,031
ADJ		Easter Seals UCP	Family Foster	1,817	987	2,804
AAD	*	Ebenezer Gardens Christian Childen's Home	Group			3,231
AAA		Eckerd Youth Alternatives	Therapeutic Camp			3,415
AAY	*	Eliada Homes	Family Foster	387	1,057	1,444
ABB	*	Elon Homes for Children	Family Foster	1,075	550	1,625
ABB	*	Elon Homes for Children	Institutional			4,711
ACC	*	Falcon Children's Home	Institutional			4,741
AAL	*	Family Center/Arosa House, The	Group			6,097
ACU		Family Emergency Teen Shelter, The	Emergency			6,162
ABG	*	Family Resources of Rutherford County	Emergency			4,972
ABT	*	Florence Crittenton Services	Institutional			3,892
ACW		Forward Care Management	Group			6,097
ACD	*	Free Will Baptist Childrens Home	Emergency			2,918
ACD	*	Free Will Baptist Childrens Home	Institutional			4,101
ACE	*	Grandfather Home for Children	Family Foster	389	999	1,388
		Henderson County Office of Youth Programs	Group			6,097
ACY		Kidspeace National Centers	Family Foster	1,099	1,559	2,658
AAK		Lee County Youth Services	Emergency			4,840
AAE	*	Lifegains	Family Foster	1,040	1,529	2,569
AAE	*	Lifegains	Group			4,979
ADQ		Lighthouse Care Services	Group			2,307
ABR	*	Loray Girls Home	Group			6,097
AAT	*	Lutheran Family Services	Emergency			5,773
AAT	*	Lutheran Family Services	Family Foster	514	481	995
AAT	*	Lutheran Family Services	Group			4,608
		McDowell County	Emergency			2,657
AAX	*	Methodist Home for Children	Emergency			6,162
AAX	*	Methodist Home for Children	Family Foster	547	706	1,253
AAX	*	Methodist Home for Children	Group			6,097
ABL	*	Mountain Youth Resources	Emergency			5,517
ACF	*	Nazareth Children's Home	Family Foster	553	968	1,521
ACF	*	Nazareth Children's Home	Institutional			4,542

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FCFL Agency	State Fund			MONTHLY	MONTHLY	MONTHLY
Code	Member		Туре	MAINTENANCE	ADMIN	TOTAL
ADP		New Horizons Comprehensive Youth & Family Services	Family Foster	1,049	1,049	2,098
ACZ		Omni Community Services	Family Foster	921	358	1,279
ACZ		Onslow Co Youth Services	Emergency	921	550	5,637
ACM	*	Phoenix Group Homes	Group			5,940
ABK	*	Presbyterian Home for Children	Institutional			4,623
		Quad Cty Group Homes /	Institutional			4,023
AAJ		Serendipity House	Group			3,434
ADR		Quality Assurance, Inc	Family Foster	1,049	1,049	2,098
ABJ	*	Rainbow Center	Emergency			5,197
ABJ	*	Rainbow Center	Group			5,767
ACI		Robeson House	Emergency			3,381
ADB		Serenity Group Home	Group			2,487
		Southmountain Children & Family				
ABA	*	Services	Family Foster	1,122	1,774	2,896
ACH		Specialized Children's Care, Inc	Group			4,979
AAZ	*	Thompson Children's Home	Family Foster	1,118	988	2,106
AAZ	*	Thompson Children's Home	Group			6,097
AAZ	*	Thompson Children's Home	Institutional			6,263
		Union County DSS Emergency Group Home	Emergency			3,624
		Wake County Human Services	Emergency			6,162
ABM		With Friends	Emergency			6,085
ADA		Youth Development Corporation	Family Foster	1,701	928	2,629
ABH	*	Youth Focus	Emergency			6,162
ABH	*	Youth Focus	Family Foster	1,226	1,774	3,000
ABH	*	Youth Focus	Group			6,097
AAS	*	Youth Homes	Family Foster	1,196	1,287	2,483
AAS	*	Youth Homes	Group			6,001
AAF		Youth Network	Emergency			6,162
AAU	*	Youth Opportunities	Emergency			5,427
AAU	*	Youth Opportunities	Group			6,097
ABN	*	Youth Unlimited	Family Foster	1,249	476	1,725
ABN	*	Youth Unlimited	Group			5,594