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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES:
DEAR PRIVATE AGENCY DIRECTOR:**

**ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE SUPERVISOR
CHILD PLACEMENT STAFF**

SUBJECT: SFY 2007-2008 FACILITY RATES

EFFECTIVE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2007

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 2007-2008. 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 (10A NCAC 70D). The regulations in 10A NCAC 70D 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.

A standardized approach for establishing facility rates is underway which recognizes the application of licensing standards, a cost model rate plan and best practices. At this point in time, the process for establishing all rates has not been completed. The Division will continue to work diligently with providers over the next few months to complete the rate setting process. County Departments of Social Services should anticipate the standardized rates in July 2008.

The attached list contains the providers currently participating in the facility rate process along with their new rates, **effective September 1, 2007**. The rates are based on an inflationary cost adjustment to the prior fiscal year amounts. They are a replacement for the current facility rates, and will remain in place until finalization of the new facility rates. New

rates were anticipated to be in place by September 1, 2007 and that is not possible due to the need for further work.

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 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 or placement agency is participating in the current 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. 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 related to the 2007-2008 Facility Rate period, effective September 2007, are as follows:

Family Foster Care: Administration = 1852, Maintenance = 2041
Group Care = 6403
Institutional = 6577
Emergency = 6471
Therapeutic Camping = 4179

The state averages for each type of care related to the 2007-2008 Facility Rate period, effective September 2007, are as follows:

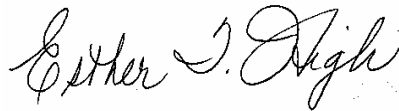
Family Foster Care: Administration = 1095, Maintenance = 1095
Group Care = 5228
Institutional = 5128
Emergency = 5359
Therapeutic Camping = 3884

Agencies qualifying 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.

State Fund Agency members are indicated with an asterisk (*) on the enclosed list. These agencies have the potential for possible supplemental funds to assist with the foster care placement costs for non-IV-E children, with member agencies. Reimbursements are made based on the available funds, the agency's Facility Rate, the additional population served, and the foster care payment and resources reflected on a child's DSS 5094 form.

If you have questions about this information, please refer to Chapter XIII: Child Welfare funding manual or you may contact Tina Bumgarner at (704) 462-2686. This manual is available at: <http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/csm-78/m>

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DSS-FCFL Agency Code	State Fund Member	Agency Name	Service Type	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	MONTHLY ADMIN	Monthly Total
ADT		Access Family Services	Family Foster	1,095	1,095	2,190
AAQ	★	Agape of North Carolina, Inc.	Family Foster	422	1,762	2,184
ABV	★	Alexander Youth Network	Family Foster	2,041	719	2,760
ABV	★	Alexander Youth Network	Institutional	6,577		6,577
ADF		Alliance Human Services, Inc.	Family Foster	1,504	1,852	3,356
ADG		Alpha Management Community Services, Inc.	Family Foster	1,095	1,095	2,190
AAO		Alternative Life Programs, Inc.	Family Foster	1,095	1,095	2,190
AAO		Alternative Life Programs, Inc.	Group	5,228		5,228
AAW	★	American Children's Home	Family Foster	624	904	1,528
AAW	★	American Children's Home	Institutional	6,577		6,577
AAV	★	Baptist Children's Home of NC	Emergency	4,419		4,419
AAV	★	Baptist Children's Home of NC	Group	4,047		4,047
AAV	★	Baptist Children's Home of NC	Institutional	4,825		4,825
AAV	★	Baptist Children's Home of NC	Therapeutic Camp	4,179		4,179
ABW	★	Barium Springs Home for Children	Family Foster	1,095	1,095	2,190
ABW	★	Barium Springs Home for Children	Institutional	6,577		6,577
ABQ	★	Bertie-Martin-Beaufort Shelter	Emergency	3,994		3,994
AAB		Bethany Christian Services	Family Foster	2,041	1,128	3,169
ABX	★	Boys & Girls Homes of NC, Inc.	Family Foster	490	571	1,061
ABX	★	Boys & Girls Homes of NC, Inc.	Institutional	4,114		4,114
ADA		Caring Family Network (Youth Development Corp)	Family Foster	1,776	969	2,745
ADI	★	Caring for Children - AFI	Family Foster	1,447	1,609	3,056
ADI	★	Caring for Children - AFI	Intensive Family Foster	2,041	1,782	3,823
ABE	★	Caring for Children, Inc	Emergency	6,471		6,471
ABE	★	Caring for Children, Inc	Family Foster	999	1,283	2,282
ABE	★	Caring for Children, Inc	Group	4,802		4,802
ADE		Catawba County DSS	Group	6,403		6,403
ABZ	★	Central Children's Home of NC	Institutional	4,432		4,432
ABY	★	Cherokee Center for Family Services	Institutional	6,577		6,577
ACV		Children's Center of Surry, The	Group	4,800		4,800
ABU	★	Children's Home Inc, The	Family Foster	805	1,852	2,657
ABU	★	Children's Home Inc, The	Group	5,228		5,228
ABF	★	Children's Home of Cleveland County	Group	3,633		3,633
ABI	★	Children's Home Society of NC	Family Foster	547	1,183	1,730
AAN	★	Children's Homes of Iredell Co. Inc.	Group	4,072		4,072
ADN		Christine's Home	Group	5,228		5,228

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ACA	★	Church of God Children's Home, The	Institutional	3,582		3,582
AAM		Coastal Horizons Center	Emergency	6,471		6,471
AEB		Community Services for Children	Family Foster	1,095	1,095	2,190
ACB	★	Crossnore School	Institutional	5,719		5,719
		Cumberland County DSS	Group	6,334		6,334
ADJ		Easter Seals UCP NC, Inc.	Family Foster	1,898	1,030	2,928
AAD	★	Ebenezer Christian Children's Home	Group	3,394		3,394
AAA		Eckerd Youth Alternatives	Therapeutic Camp	3,586		3,586
AAV	★	Eliada Homes, Inc.	Family Foster	404	1,103	1,507
ABB	★	Elon Homes for Children	Family Foster	1,123	574	1,697
ABB	★	Elon Homes for Children	Institutional	4,947		4,947
ACC	★	Falcon Children's Home Inc.	Institutional	4,979		4,979
ACU		Family Emergency Teen Shelter, The	Emergency	6,471		6,471
ABG	★	Family Resources of Rutherford Cty	Emergency	5,221		5,221
ABT	★	Florence Crittenton Services	Institutional	4,087		4,087
ACD	★	Free Will Baptist Children's Home	Emergency	3,064		3,064
ACD	★	Free Will Baptist Children's Home	Institutional	4,306		4,306
		Henderson County Office of Youth	Group	6,403		6,403
ACY		Kidspace National Centers	Family Foster	1,148	1,628	2,776
AAK		Lee County Youth and Family Services	Emergency	5,083		5,083
AAE	★	Lifegains, Inc.	Family Foster	1,086	1,597	2,683
ADQ		Lighthouse Care Services/Nicole House	Group	2,422		2,422
ABR	★	Loray Girls Home Inc.	Group	6,403		6,403
AAT	★	Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas	Emergency	6,062		6,062
AAT	★	Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas	Family Foster	536	502	1,038
AAT	★	Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas	Group	4,840		4,840
AAX	★	Methodist Home for Children	Emergency	6,471		6,471
AAX	★	Methodist Home for Children	Family Foster	571	738	1,309
AAX	★	Methodist Home for Children	Group	6,403		6,403
ABL	★	Mountain Youth Resources	Emergency	5,794		5,794
ACF	★	Nazareth Children's Home Inc.	Family Foster	577	1,011	1,588
ACF	★	Nazareth Children's Home Inc.	Institutional	4,770		4,770
ADP		New Horizons Comprehensive Youth & Family Services	Family Foster	1,095	1,095	2,190

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ADZ		Omni Visions, Inc.	Family Foster	1,095	1,095	2,190
AAP		Onslow County Youth Services	Emergency	5,920		5,920
ACM	★	Phoenix Group Homes	Group	6,238		6,238
ABK	★	Presbyterian Home for Children, The	Institutional	4,855		4,855
ADS		Quality Family Services, Inc.	Family Foster	1,095	1,095	2,190
ABJ	★	Rainbow Center, Inc.	Emergency	5,458		5,458
ABJ	★	Rainbow Center, Inc.	Group	6,056		6,056
ACI		Robeson House, Inc.	Emergency	3,551		3,551
ADB		Serenity Emergency Group Home	Group	2,612		2,612
ADH		Seven Homes, Inc.	Family Foster	1,095	1,095	2,190
ABA	★	Southmountain Children and Family Services	Family Foster	1,171	1,852	3,023
AEA		Therapeutic Support Services, Inc.	Family Foster	1,095	1,095	2,190
AAZ	★	Thompson Child and Family Focus	Family Foster	1,167	1,031	2,198
AAZ	★	Thompson Child and Family Focus	Group	6,403		6,403
AAZ	★	Thompson Child and Family Focus	Institutional	6,577		6,577
ADU		Turning Point Homes, Inc.	Family Foster	1,095	1,095	2,190
		Union County DSS	Emergency	3,806		3,806
		Wake County Human Services	Emergency	6,471		6,471
ABU		Whitewater Cove Group Home	Group	5,228		5,228
ABM		With Friends, Inc.	Emergency	6,390		6,390
ABH	★	Youth Focus	Emergency	6,471		6,471
ABH	★	Youth Focus	Family Foster	1,280	1,852	3,132
ABH	★	Youth Focus	Group	6,403		6,403
AAS	★	Youth Homes Inc.	Family Foster	1,249	1,344	2,593
AAS	★	Youth Homes Inc.	Group	6,302		6,302
AAF		Youth Network	Emergency	6,471		6,471
AAU	★	Youth Opportunities, Inc.	Emergency	5,699		5,699
AAU	★	Youth Opportunities, Inc.	Group	6,403		6,403
ABN	★	Youth Unlimited, Inc.	Family Foster	1,305	497	1,802
ABN	★	Youth Unlimited, Inc.	Group	5,875		5,875