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Administrative procedure: Reimbursement for foster care maintenance costs for children's residential centers, group homes, maternity homes, residential parenting facilities, and purchased foster care homes.

- (A) Reimbursement to the Title IV-E agency for foster care in a children's residential center (CRC), group home, maternity home, or residential parenting facility or a purchased foster home (PFC) located in Ohio is contingent upon a private child placing agency's (PCPA's), private non-custodial agency's (PNA's) or public agency's submission and ODJFS's approval of the JFS 02909 "Residential Child Care Facility Cost Report,"02911 "Single Cost Report," as described in rules 5101:2-47-26.1 and 5101:2-47-24 of the Administrative Code, which substantiates the actual cost of care in such facilities. Reimbursement to the Title IV-E agency for out of state residential child care facilities is based on procedures outlined in rule 5101:2-47-27 of the Administrative Code.
- (B) Reimbursement to the Title IV-E agency for foster care in a purchased foster care home (PFC) is contingent upon a PCPA's or PNA's submission and ODJFS's approval of the JFS 02910 "Purchased Family Foster Care Cost Report," as described in rule 5101:2-47-24 of the Administrative Code, which substantiates the actual cost of care in such homes.
- (C) Allowable and unallowable cost guidelines for use in completing the JFS 02909 and JFS 02910 are contained in rules 5101:2-47-25 and 5101:2-47-26 of the Administrative Code and the office of management and budget (OMB) circulars A-87 and A-122.
- (D)(B) If a JFS 0290902911 cost report has been approved, for children placed in a CRC, group home, maternity home or residential parenting facility, two Title IV-E reimbursement ceiling amounts are calculated and rounded to the nearest dollar:
  - (1) The Title IV-E foster care maintenance reimbursement ceiling amount that is based on reported and allowable Title IV-E foster care maintenance (FCM) costs, and
  - (2) The Title IV-E administration reimbursement ceiling amount that is based on reported allowable Title IV-E administration costs.
- (E)(C) Reimbursement to the Title IV-E agency for children placed in a CRC, group home, maternity home or residential parenting facility is based on the lesser of:
  - (1) The foster care maintenance reimbursement ceiling amount established by the JFS 02909 "Residential Child Care Facility Cost Report" 02911 "Single Cost Report" multiplied by the number of care days or the amount paid by the Title IV-E agency for foster care maintenance; and

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(2) The administration reimbursement ceiling amount established by the JFS 02909 "Residential Child Care Facility Cost Report"02911 "Single Cost Report" multiplied by the number of care days or the amount paid by the Title IV-E agency for administration.

- (F)(D) If a JFS 0291002911 cost report has been approved for children placed in a purchase foster care home, a Title IV-E administration reimbursement ceiling amount will be calculated based on reported and allowable Title IV-E administration costs and rounded to the nearest dollar.
- (G)(E) Administration reimbursement to the Title IV-E agency for children placed in a purchased foster care home is based on the lesser of:
  - (1) The Title IV-E administration reimbursement ceiling amount established by the JFS 02910 "Purchased Family Foster Care Cost Report" 02911 "Single Cost Report" multiplied by the number of care days; or
  - (2) The amount paid by the Title IV-E agency for administration.
- (H)(F) Beginning September 1, 2003, foster care maintenance reimbursement to the Title IV-E agency for children placed in a purchased foster care home is based on a contemporaneous payment system. Reimbursement in a contemporaneous payment system is the lesser of:
  - (1) The uniform statewide maximum amounts published annually in a "Family, Children and Adult Services Procedure Letter;" or
  - (2) The agreed upon foster care placement amount paid by the Title IV-E agency. The agreed upon foster care placement amount must be equal to the amount the private agency reimburses their foster parents for the maintenance of the children; and
  - (3) The agreed upon amount paid by the Title IV-E agency for other direct services which include: special diets, clothing, graduation expenses, liability insurance with respect to the child and reasonable travel expense for home visits provided these expenses are not included in the agreed upon foster care placement amount.
- (I)(G) Title IV-E costs are reimbursable to the Title IV-E agency at the appropriate federal financial participation (FFP) amount.

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(1) The Title IV-E foster care maintenance costs are reimbursable at the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) which is calculated annually by the federal government; and

- (2) Title IV-E administration costs are reimbursable at the fixed rate of fifty percent.
- (J)(H) Title IV-E FCM reimbursement to the Title IV-E agency for a child placed through a PFC provider not participating in the ODJFS Title IV-E PFC reimbursement ceiling amount approval system is limited to the actual maintenance costs for that child, but shall not exceed the uniform statewide maximum rates published annually in a "Family, Children and Adult Services Procedure Letter."
- (K)(I) Each Title IV-E agency which registers Title IV-E cases on the family and children services information system (FACSIS)ODJFS statewide automated child welfare information system, receives a computer-generated JFS 01925, "Monthly FCM Facility Invoice" that lists active Title IV-E cases. The JFS 01925 will be mailed approximately five working days prior to the end of the month preceding the month when the FCM cost was incurred to the Title IV-E agency which entered the information into FACSIS on the ODJFS statewide automated child welfare information system. The Title IV-E agency must provide placement and payment information on each child listed, add or delete cases as appropriate, and return the invoice to ODJFS no later than ten working days after the eligibility month. If a JFS 01925 is received after the cut-off date for a particular month, it will be processed during the next payment cycle.
- (L)(J) ODJFS will issue payment in the form of a warrant payable to the Title IV-E agency which registers the Title IV-E cases into FACSIS on the ODJFS statewide automated child welfare information system. The warrant amount will be calculated from the completed JFS 01925 at the applicable FFP, and will be mailed to the Title IV-E agency on the first working day of each month. A disbursement journal itemizing the payments by child will accompany the warrant.

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