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<u>Foster care maintenance (FCM)</u> program reimbursability: FCM payments and child care payments for public family foster homes, relative homes, and prefinalized <u>pre-finalized</u> adoptive homes.

- (A) Uniform statewide standards for per-diem foster care maintenance (FCM) payments minimum and maximum reimbursement amounts for public family foster homes, relative homes licensed as foster homes and prefinalized pre-finalized adoptive homes that continue to receive Title IV-E FCM payments have been established by the Ohio department of human job and family services (ODHS) (ODJFS). These rates amounts shall be updated annually by the issuance of a "Family, Children and Adult Services Procedure Letter" and are the minimum and maximum amounts that can be authorized for Title IV-E FCM payments for a child placed in the substitute care settings described in this paragraph unless procedures described in rule 5101:2-47-24 of the Administrative Code have been followed.
 - (1) If there is a difference between the statewide maximum rate reimbursement amount and a higher Title IV-E agency rate payment amount, the Title IV-E agency shall supplement payments without benefit of federal financial participation (FFP) under Title IV-E.
 - (2) If there is a difference between the statewide minimum rate reimbursement amount and a lesser Title IV-E agency rate payment amount, the Title IV-E agency shall not claim <u>Title IV-E</u> FCM funds to support the placement of the child.
- (B) Payments for employment-related child care and child care when the foster parent is required to participate, without the child, in activities associated with parenting a child in foster care that are beyond the scope of ordinary parental duties may be authorized for a Title IV-E FCM eligible child placed in a family foster home, relative home licensed as a foster home or prefinalized pre-finalized adoptive home provided that the child care provider is licensed or certified.
 - (1) The maximum per diem child care payment reimbursement by the Title IV-E agency shall not exceed the amounts referenced in rule 5101:2-16-41 of the Administrative Code.
 - (2) The definitions for the age categories are contained in rule 5101:2-16-01 of the Administrative Code. Payments for child care, as described in this rule, may be authorized for a foster child between the ages of thirteen and eighteen who qualities qualifies for a difficulty of care payment referenced in rule 5101:2-47-18 of the Administrative Code.
 - (3) Child care, as described in this rule, shall be claimed for reimbursement as an

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auxiliary payment on the $\overline{\text{ODHS}}$ 1659 $\overline{\text{JFS}}$ 01659 "Title IV-E Auxiliary Payment Authorization" and shall be reimbursed at the same FFP rate as $\overline{\text{Title}}$ $\overline{\text{IV-E}}$ FCM payments.

(C) "Relative homes" and "prefinalized pre-finalized adoptive homes" as used in this rule mean a <u>certified family licensed/certified/approved</u> foster home.

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