

5101:2-47-17

**Foster care maintenance (~~FCM~~) program reimbursability: Reimbursements for FCM payments and child care payments for public foster homes, relative homes, and pre-finalized adoptive homes.**

(A) Uniform statewide standards for foster care maintenance (FCM) minimum and maximum reimbursement amounts for public foster homes, relative homes licensed as foster homes and pre-finalized adoptive homes that continue to receive Title IV-E FCM reimbursements ~~payments~~ have been established by the Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS). These 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 reimbursements ~~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 reimbursement amount and a higher Title IV-E agency 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 reimbursement amount and a lesser Title IV-E agency payment amount, the Title IV-E agency shall not claim Title IV-E FCM funds to support the placement of the child.

(B) Reimbursements ~~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 foster home, relative home licensed as a foster home or pre-finalized adoptive home provided that the child care provider is licensed or certified.

(1) The maximum child care ~~payment~~ reimbursement ~~to~~ 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. Reimbursements ~~Payments~~ for child care, as described in this rule, may be authorized for a foster child between the ages of thirteen and eighteen who 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 auxiliary payment on the JFS 01659 "Title IV-E Auxiliary Payment

Authorization"(rev. 3/2007) or the statewide automated child welfare information system (SACWIS), if applicable and shall be reimbursed at the same FFP rate as Title IV-E FCM reimbursements~~payments~~.

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

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