Foster care maintenance program reimbursability: elothing Clothing payments and graduation expenses.

- (A) A special clothing payment and graduation expenses shall be updated annually by the issuance of a "Family, Children and Adult Services Procedure Letter" and may be authorized for each child for whom <u>Title IV-E</u> foster care maintenance (FCM) payments are being made. The special clothing payment shall be an auxiliary payment and shall be used to provide adequate clothing during the first sixty days of initial substitute care placement. An auxiliary payment is also authorized for expenses associated with high school graduation, as specified in paragraph (C) of this rule.
- (B) Payments for ongoing clothing needs as a result of growth, seasonal changes, or attrition shall be included in the <u>Title IV-E</u> FCM payment identified in rule 5101:2-47-17 of the Administrative Code. The total monthly <u>Title IV-E</u> FCM claim for a child, including any ongoing clothing needs, shall not exceed the maximum uniform statewide <u>rates</u> <u>amounts</u> detailed in the current effective procedure letter.
- (C) Graduation expenses are limited to those expenses directly related to the graduation event including, but not limited to, class rings, pictures, cap and gown cost, tuxedos, or prom gowns.
- (D) Payments made under this rule shall be claimed pursuant to rule 5101:2-47-15 of the Administrative Code and reimbursed at the same rate as <u>Title IV-E</u> FCM payments provided that such payments are equally available to a non-Title IV-E child as well as to a Title IV-E child.

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