

5101:2-47-21

Foster care maintenance (FCM): Redetermination of program eligibility and reimbursability.

- (A) Once Title IV-E foster care maintenance initial program eligibility and reimbursability are established, a redetermination of program eligibility and reimbursability criteria must be completed whenever there is a substantial change in the child's circumstances, but no less frequently than every twelve months. The Title IV-E agency shall use the JFS 01452A "Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance Redetermination ~~Form~~"(rev. 12/2005) or FCM eligibility redetermination in the statewide automated child welfare information system (SACWIS), if applicable for this purpose.
- (B) The child continues to meet the program eligibility requirements if the child is under age eighteen during the redetermination month. ~~FCM payments~~ reimbursements may continue beyond his/her eighteenth birthday if the child is a full-time student reasonably expected to complete high school or the equivalent level of vocational or technical training prior to his/her nineteenth birthday. ~~FCM payment~~ reimbursement shall continue through the end of the month in which the child completes high school or the equivalent. ~~Payment~~ Reimbursement will terminate the month following the month of his/her eighteenth birthday for a child who is not reasonably expected to complete high school or the equivalent level of vocational or technical training prior to his/her nineteenth birthday, as described in rule 5101:1-3-02 of the Administrative Code.
- (C) The child continues to be program reimbursable if the following criteria are met:
- (1) Continued deprivation of one or both parents in the home from which the child was removed as defined in rule 5101:2-47-14 of the Administrative Code. Deprivation shall be a result of the parent(s):
 - (a) Death;
 - (b) Incapacity;
 - (c) Continued absence from the removal home;
 - (d) Unemployment of the principal wage-earning parent; or
 - (e) Termination of parental rights.
 - (2) Continued financial need based on the income available to the child must be less than the cost of supporting the child's substitute care placement.

- (a) The child's unearned income shall only be considered if the income was not otherwise exempted in accordance with Chapter 5101:1-23 of the Administrative Code. The income of the child's parents shall only be considered when the parents are paying child support. Such a contribution shall be considered unearned income for the determination of need.
 - (b) The child's earned income shall only be partially available as described in Chapter 5101:1-23 of the Administrative Code, which allows disregards for work expenses and in some instances, work incentive deductions.
 - (c) The cost of supporting the child in substitute care shall be the amount (not to exceed the FCM amounts transmitted annually in a "Family, Children and Adult Services Procedure Letter") that the Title IV-E agency is paying for the child's substitute care placement. In any month where the child's income after deductions exceeds this amount, the child shall not be program reimbursable.
- (3) The child's resources do not exceed ten thousand dollars as outlined in rule 5101:2-47-14 of the Administrative Code.
- (4) The Title IV-E agency must obtain a judicial determination by a juvenile court of competent jurisdiction signifying that reasonable efforts were made to finalize the permanency plan that is in effect:
- (a) Within twelve months of the earlier of:
 - (i) The date the child is adjudicated abused, neglected, dependent, unruly or delinquent; or
 - (ii) Sixty days after the child was removed from the home and placed into substitute care; and
 - (b) At least once every twelve months thereafter.
- (5) The child must be placed in a setting which is licensed, certified or approved, as appropriate, by ODJFS or another state agency with such authority as outlined in rule 5101:2-47-16 of the Administrative Code.
- (D) A trial home visit is ~~not~~ a reimbursable placement setting, if the visit does not exceed fourteen days in a month, and the child's placement continues with the same

provider. ~~The child is not reimbursable for the duration of the trial home visit.~~ If the trial home visit is less than six months and the child returns to foster care, a redetermination of program eligibility and reimbursability must be completed.

- (E) A face-to-face interview with the child's parent(s) is not required for redeterminations. The decision to contact the parent(s) shall be made by the Title IV-E agency after determining if the contact would be disruptive to the case plan and to what extent parental contact is necessary in order to establish ongoing program eligibility and reimbursability.

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