Foster care maintenance rate setting reimbursement ceiling amounts: Title IV-E reimbursement for residential child care and purchased family foster care facilities homes.

- (A) Title IV-E payments Payments from the Title IV-E agencies to the service provider agency for children placed in a children's residential center (CRC), group home, maternity home, residential parenting facility, or with a purchased family foster care (PFFC) (PFC) agency may be based on the ODHS ODJFS-approved Title IV-E rates reimbursement ceiling amounts established for the provider or the negotiated payment amount between the Title IV-E agency and the provider agency for the purchase of services. ODHS ODJFS-approved rates reimbursement ceiling amounts are based upon the participation of the provider in the ODHS ODJFS Title IV-E rate reimbursement ceiling amount-approval system.
- (B) The ODJFS Title IV-E rate reimbursement ceiling amount-approval system consists of two components:
 - (1) Annual submission of the ODHS 2909 JFS 02909 "Residential Child Care Facility Cost Report", or the ODHS 2910 JFS 02910 "Purchased Family Foster Care Cost Report" substantiating the actual cost of care provided; and
 - (2) Participation by the agency in the agency time study.
- (C) The ODHS 2909 JFS 02909 will only be accepted from and rates set <u>Title IV-E</u> reimbursement ceiling amounts established for publicly-operated facilities with a licensed capacity of twenty-five or fewer, or from private facilities.
- (D) The ODHS 2909 JFS 02909 and the ODHS 2910 JFS 02910 shall be completed, by the provider, for each calendar year and submitted by May fifteenth following the calendar year to ODJFS. The rates Title IV-E reimbursement ceiling amounts established by the cost report shall become effective September first following the reporting calendar year.
- (E) The costs reported on the ODHS 2909 JFS 02909 and ODHS 2910 JFS 02910 that are eligible for Title IV-E reimbursement are identified and converted to per diem rates Title IV-E reimbursement ceiling amounts. The rates Title IV-E reimbursement ceiling amounts yielded by the cost report are the maximum ODHS ODJFS will recognize for reimbursement.
- (F) Newly established facilities that have not yet incurred historical costs for use in completing the ODHS 2909 JFS 02909 or ODHS 2910 JFS 02910 may report costs incurred for at least a ninety-day period of operation and rates Title IV-E reimbursement ceiling amounts may be established based on this shorter reporting period.

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(G) An inflation adjustment factor based on the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, "Consumer Price Index-Urban Category-All Items," will be calculated each year and preprinted on the cost reports ODJFS will publish the inflation indices. The inflation factor adjusts the costs reported to take into account the rate of inflation.

- (H) Allowable and unallowable cost guidelines for use in completing the cost report are contained in rules 5101:2-47-25 and 5101:2-47-26 of the Administrative Code.
- (I) Title IV-E per diem rates reimbursement ceiling amounts for out-of-state residential child care facilities will be established according to procedures described in rule 5101:2-47-27 of the Administrative Code.
- (J) Accurate identification of eligible Title IV-E activities is accomplished by agency participation in the time study once every three years. An interim time study is conducted annually for new participants in the rate approval system. The results of the time study are applied to costs reported on the cost report. Once each year the time study percentages on the cost report will be adjusted to reflect the total average of accumulated time study results.
- (K) The time study employs a random day log system to record employee time in fifteen-minute increments. The time study is used to distribute staff and fringe benefit costs reported on the cost report to allowable and unallowable Title IV-E service categories.
- (L) Information on ODHS ODJFS-approved rates Title IV-E reimbursement ceiling amounts, including any changes during the year, is transmitted annually by an ODHS ODJFS "Administrative Procedure Letter."

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