



TITLE IV-E FOSTER CARE RATES FY2016

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THE FY2016 FMAP IS 57.13%: EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NEW FOSTER CARE DAILY RATES: EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

Note: Only those rates highlighted have changed for FY2016.

LEVEL OF CARE	TYPE OF FACILITY	DAILY RATE	IV-E ALLOWABLE*
BASIC	CPA	43.71	23.14
	RTC	45.19	22.11
MODERATE	CPA	76.72	40.62
	RTC	103.03	50.40
SPECIALIZED	CPA	101.86	53.93
	RTC	162.30	79.40
INTENSE	CPA	186.42	98.70
	RTC	260.95	127.66
EMERGENCY	Emergency Shelter	129.53	65.90

*The "IV-E Allowable" is the estimated reimbursement amount.



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Additional information regarding Child Placing Agency (CPA) and Residential Treatment Centers (RTC) rates:

The **CHILD PLACING AGENCY (CPA) RATE** applies to any facility licensed as a Child Placing Agency, an Independent Foster Family Home, or an Independent Foster Group Home. Examples of CPA settings include foster family or foster group homes.

Child Placing Agencies are persons or organizations, other than a child's natural parent or guardian, who plan for placement of a child or place a child in a child care operation, foster home, or adoptive home.

Foster Family Homes provide 24-hour care for 6 or fewer children under 18 years old.

Foster Group Homes provide 24-hour care for 7-12 children under 18 years old.

The **RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY (RTC) RATE** applies to all other residential facilities (residential treatment centers, halfway houses, basic child care facilities, therapeutic camps, etc.). Following are detailed descriptions of RTC settings:

Emergency Shelter: An operation that provides short-term care (less than 30 days), for 13 or more children up to the age of 18 years for 24 hours a day.

Residential Treatment Center: An operation that provides care and treatment for 13 or more emotionally disturbed children up to the age of 18 years for 24 hours a day.

Therapeutic Camp: An operation that provides a camping program for 13 or more children, ages 7 or older for 24 hours a day. It is designed to provide an experiential therapeutic environment for children who cannot function in their home school or community.

Operation Serving Children With Mental Retardation: An operation that provides care for 13 or more children up to the age of 18 years for 24 hours a day. The children in care are significantly below average in general intellectual functioning and also have deficits in adaptive behavior.

Halfway House: An operation that provides transitional living services for no more than 24 children, ages 15 through 18 years for 24 hours a day. The purpose of this operation is to prepare older children for independent living.

Maternity Home: An operation that provides care for 4 or more minor and/or adult women and their children during pregnancy and/or during the six-week postpartum period for 24 hours a day.

PAYMENT VOUCHER DETAIL - EXAMPLE

County	ID Invoice	Person ID	Child Name	Unit Rate	From	To	Quantity	Srv Yr	Srv Mo	Income	Pd Amt
Alameda	32650698	12345678	Smith, Carol	\$162.30	1	30	30	15	11	\$0.00	\$2,382.00
Alameda	32650698	23456789	Johnson, Joe	\$103.03	1	30	30	15	11	\$0.00	\$1,512.00
Alameda	32650698	56123478	Oroville, Jason	\$162.30	1	30	30	15	11	\$100.00	\$2,282.00
Alameda	32650698	32165498	Davis, Gregory	\$76.72	18	30	13	15	10	\$0.00	\$528.06
Alameda	32650698	32165498	Davis, Gregory	\$76.72	1	30	30	15	11	\$0.00	\$1,218.60
Alameda	32650698	56123789	Roper, David	\$162.30	1	20	20	15	11	\$0.00	\$1,588.00
Alameda Total											\$9,510.66

This is the detail you will receive with your reimbursement and should be used to reconcile the amount paid. If there are any discrepancies, please contact TJJJ as soon as possible to resolve. Additional information for some of the columns is provided below:

Invoice ID - Assigned by DFPS

Person ID - DFPS Person ID Number - Assigned by DFPS when child is certified - Provided on the Certification Notice sent from

Unit Rate - The daily rate assigned to the approved billing level of care

From/To - The beginning and end date for which reimbursement is being paid

Quantity - The total number of days for which reimbursement is being paid

Srv Yr/Srv Mo - The year and month of services

Income - Any income received on behalf of the child (i.e. child support) is deducted from the total cost of care

Pd Amt - The estimated amount of reimbursement (determined by the IV-E allowable rate for the approved billing level of care)

County: Alameda

Fiscal Year / Quarter: FY2015 Q1

SUPPLEMENTAL CHILD CARE COSTS

Instructions: Complete this form to request reimbursement for allowable child care costs not covered by the placement per diem rate. These costs include travel, clothing, school supplies, birthday and Christmas gifts, or special fees that may be incurred while a child is in placement. Documentation of these costs must be maintained at the county level. Copies of all receipts must be attached to this form. Costs may not exceed \$2,000.00 per child per year. The form is to be submitted with the quarterly administrative claim. The DFPS Person ID number is required on each child.

Child's DFPS Person ID#:	32165498	Davis, Gregory	Amount
Description:	Hygiene products		\$8.78
	Clothing		\$46.46
	Hygiene products		\$7.85
	Hygiene products		\$35.13
	(1) Total Expenses for this Child		\$98.22
Child's DFPS Person ID#:	12345678	Smith Carol	Amount
Description:	Hygiene products		\$8.48
	(2) Total Expenses for this Child		\$8.48
Child's DFPS Person ID#:			Amount
Description:			
	(3) Total Expenses for this Child		\$0.00
Child's DFPS Person ID#:			Amount
Description:			
	(4) Total Expenses for this Child		\$0.00
Child's DFPS Person ID#:			Amount
Description:			
	(5) Total Expenses for this Child		\$0.00
(6) Total expenses for this page {(1) + (2) + (3) + (4) + (5)}			\$106.70
(7) Reimbursable rate (FY2016)			57.13%
(8) Total reimbursement for this page {(6) X (7)}			\$ 60.96

Supplemental Foster Care Maintenance

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Expenses for foster care maintenance incurred on behalf of children who meet Title IV-E eligibility criteria are reimbursed at the prevailing federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) rate.

Expenses for foster care maintenance include the daily foster care rates paid to foster care providers.

To supplement the services provided to children in out-of-home care, Contractors and contracted service providers often provide additional services referred to as "supplemental foster care maintenance." These supplemental services are reimbursable from the federal government at the rate paid for foster care maintenance.

Maintenance expenses for Contractor supplemental foster care must be:

- Actual;
- Allowable under Title IV-E;
- child-specific; and
- supported by Contractor records documenting each of these criteria.

Maintenance expenses must be incurred while providing goods or services to children who meet the eligibility criteria for Title IV-E, as determined by DFPS.

Payments for Supplemental Foster Care Maintenance

The costs of food, clothing, and shelter are often referred to as *room and board costs*. Contractors provide room and board for children in foster care through a daily foster care rate paid to foster care providers.

All costs for supplemental foster care maintenance submitted for federal reimbursement must represent actual costs and must be incurred on behalf of specific children who are eligible under Title IV-E.

Accounting records must be maintained that include an audit trail for each expense. The record must include:

- The child's name;
- The child's eligibility status for Title IV-E;
- A receipt for the expense; and
- the accounting records that display the expense through the accounting system.

Types of maintenance expenses for supplemental foster care are described below:

School Supplies

Allowable expenses under Title IV-E are as follows:

- Required classroom supplies, such as notebooks, pens, and paper
- Art supplies
- Necessary school clothing, such as gym uniforms
- Locker and towel fees
- Rental or purchase of school band musical instruments
- Band uniforms
- Regular after-school activity fees, such as volleyball, basketball, and chess club
- School activity fees, such as those required for a class project or a field trip

Expenses *not* allowed under Title IV-E are:

Supplemental Foster Care Maintenance

- Music lessons for band instruments
- After school enrichment
- Private school tuition, even if court-ordered
- Fees for summer school
- Driver's education fees (Before the expense is incurred, the Contractor checks with the DFPS regional coordinator for the Preparation for Adult Living, or PAL, program to determine whether the regional PAL program can pay for the expense.)
- GED related expenses (Before the expense is incurred, the Contractor checks with the DFPS regional coordinator for the Preparation for Adult Living, or PAL, program to determine whether the regional PAL program can pay for the expense.)

Personal Incidentals

Allowable expenses are as follows:

- Personal hygiene products
- Cosmetics
- Over-the-counter medications
- Special dietary foods
- Allowances (within a specified limit)
- Gifts for birthdays, special occasions, and holidays
- Graduation expenses, such as the cost of buying a senior ring, cap, and gown
- Reasonable and occasional costs for such items as tickets or other admission fees for sporting, entertainment, or cultural events
- Fees related to clubs, such as the Boy Scouts of America or the Girl Scouts of the USA
- Special lessons, including horseback riding
- Miscellaneous items such as stamps, envelopes, writing paper, film, and the cost of film development for a personal camera
- Reasonable travel provided for the child to visit parents, siblings, relatives, or other caretakers at home or at other appropriate locations, such as a Contractor's office (or other location deemed appropriate by a Contractor) when it is not possible or appropriate for the child to go home.

Expenses that are not allowed are as follows:

- Drug screening
- School tuition
- Expenses related to the Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program
- Specialized assessments, such as psychiatric, medical, or educational assessments