

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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What's Inside:Foster Care
Maintenance Rate
increasesMEMORANDUM

TO: REGIONAL EXECUTIVE STAFF, CIRCUIT MANAGERS, AND
CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: PAULA NEESE, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: INCREASE IN FOSTER CARE MAINTENANCE RATES

REFERENCE: CHILDREN'S DIVISION

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform staff of the increase to the foster care maintenance rates that went into effect on July 1, 2007. Maintenance rates were increased for all traditional, medical and behavioral placements. The increased amounts will be seen by all foster, relative and kinship care providers on the reimbursement checks they will receive in August, 2007. There is no change in the professional parenting, incentive, diaper allowance or clothing allowance amounts. The new rates are:

- Age birth to 5 \$271
- Age 6 – 12 \$322
- Age 13+ \$358
- Behavioral/Medical \$708

Changes have been made to the Child Welfare Manual Section 4 Chapter 11 Attachment A: Standard Payment Rate for Foster Family Alternative Care to show the new maintenance reimbursement rates.

NECESSARY ACTION:

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff.
2. Review this memorandum with all licensed foster care providers.
3. Review revised Child Welfare Manual chapters as indicated below.
4. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS: Section 4, Chapter 11, Attachment A: Standard Payment Rate For Foster Family Alternative Care	
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS: N/A	
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS and RESOURCES: N/A	
RELATED STATUTE: N/A	
ADMINISTRATIVE RULE: N/A	
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