## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

#### CHILDREN'S DIVISION

P. O. BOX 88

What's Inside: Updated Fees for Medical Records

# JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

April 5, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: REGIONAL, EXECUTIVE STAFF, CIRCUIT MANAGERS,

AND CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: CANDACE SHIVELY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: MEDICAL RECORDS FEES

## DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform staff of a change in the maximum reimbursement rates for medical records.

The maximum reimbursement rates for paying providers for medical records were changed effective February 1, 2013. The new amounts are:

- A copying fee of \$22.82 and 53 cents per page for the cost of supplies and labor
- Postage to include packaging and delivery cost

Section 191.227 Revised Statutes of Missouri sets a base for the costs of copying records. The law requires the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) to determine the new amounts each year. The new rate information is available on their website at: <a href="https://www.dhss.mo.gov/ProtectingThePublic/FeesMedicalRecords.html">www.dhss.mo.gov/ProtectingThePublic/FeesMedicalRecords.html</a>.

The following table shows the changes for the handling and copy fees:

Effective Date	Handling Fees	Copies
02/01/2003	\$15.70	\$0.37
02/01/2004	\$16.33	\$0.38
02/01/2005	\$17.05	\$0.40
02/01/2006	\$17.77	\$0.42
02/01/2007	\$18.49	\$0.44
02/01/2008	\$19.31	\$0.46
02/01/2009	\$20.02	\$0.47
02/01/2010	\$20.65	\$0.49
02/01/2011	\$21.36	\$0.50
02/01/2013	\$22.82	\$0.53

When Children's Division staff request and receive medical records from providers, all invoices for payment for those records must be submitted via Payment Request. Specific instructions for completing the Payment Request are provided in the FACES Financial System Payment Handbook

(http://dssweb/fsd/administration/fmos/docs/faces\_handbook\_files.pdf).

Effective immediately, provider charges shall not exceed these maximums for services provided on or after February 1, 2013.

## **NECESSARY ACTION**

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

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#### CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS

Section 2 Chapter 4 Attachment A <u>SAFE-CARE</u> (<u>Sexual Assault Forensic Examination-Child Abuse Resource and Education</u>) Network

Section 8 Chapter 7.2 Children's Treatment Services (CTS)

## FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

N/A

## REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES

N/A

#### RELATED STATUTE

Section 191.227 RSMo.

# **ADMINISTRATIVE RULE**

N/A

# **COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS**

N/A

# CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR)

N/A

#### PROTECTIVE FACTORS

Parental Resilience - N/A

Social Connections - N/A

Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development - N/A

Concrete Support in Times of Need - N/A

Social and Emotional Competence of Children - N/A

#### **FACES REQUIREMENTS**

N/A