



Practice Points

Availability Payments for Career Foster Parent(s)

This Practice Point is to provide a reminder regarding availability payments to Career Foster Parent(s).

Per policy Career Foster Parents are eligible for availability payments of \$21.00 a day per child for providing *transition services* as outlined in policy and in their contract. Transitional services include, but are not limited to, attending staffing, pre-placement visits, and filing reports. Such payment shall be made for a maximum of ninety (90) consecutive days when the Career Foster Parent is not at licensed capacity for children who qualify for Individualized Care. Payment for transitional services will cease when the Career Foster Parent is at licensed capacity for children approved for individualized care.

For further details on Availability Payments for Career Foster Parents, please review

<http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/info/cwmanual/section4/ch11/sec4ch11attachi.htm>