



Practice Alert

Respite Units for Non-Level B Foster Youth in a Contracted Level B Resource Home

The purpose of the Practice Alert is to clarify policy regarding the allowable respite units for placements in an Elevated Needs Level B Resource Home.

Policy allows for the Level B Resource Provider to receive respite units for placements in their home at the same frequency regardless of level of care which include traditional youth, youth with elevated medical needs, and youth with Elevated Needs Level A.

There must be a Level B foster youth in the resource home during the same time frame in order for the provider to receive respite units beyond the allowable 12 units a year for those foster youth who are not Elevated Needs Level B.

In order to verify that there is an elevated needs Level B placement in the home, the worker shall submit a copy of FACES Vendor Placement Record screen with the Payment Request for respite units beyond the allowable 12 units for those foster youth who are in an Elevated Needs B Resource Home and are not Elevated Needs Level B.

Respite policy is located in [Section 4 Chapter 17](#) of the Child Welfare Manual.

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