



Practice Points

Cooperative Agreements for Foster Care Services by ICPC Providers

The CM-3 is one of the cooperative agreements that is used to process payments for licensed Missouri resource providers. The signed and entered CM-3 is also the mechanism for processing payments for ICPC providers. There is language on the CM-3 that applies exclusively to Missouri resource providers and, therefore, does not apply to providers in other states; specifically, the compliance with Missouri licensing rules and training requirements.

If an ICPC provider questions signing the cooperative agreement because of the training requirements on the cooperative agreement, the explanation should be the following:

You are licensed to provide foster care services on behalf of Missouri Children's Division. The Interstate Compact allows Missouri to accept your completion of licensure requirements in your state of residence for placement of Missouri foster youth in your home. The Cooperative Agreement for the Purchase of Foster Care Services, CM-3, is the form that is used to process the payment for your services. The training requirements referred to on the form are specific to Missouri residents licensed to provide foster care services. That language does not apply to you because you have completed the licensing requirements in your own state of residence.

Responding with the above statement to concerns of an ICPC provider on specific language in the cooperative agreement regarding licensed Missouri resource parents will provide consistency throughout the Division when addressing their concerns.

Payment policy regarding vendors contracted for placement of a child using the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) is located in [Section 4 Chapter 25 Subsection 3 Sub subsection 2](#) and [Section 4 Chapter 25 Subsection 4](#). These vendors are not eligible for the Professional Parenting Payment, or for Elevated Needs Level A and B maintenance rates.

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