



# Practice Alert

## **CHILD CARE FOR CHILDREN'S DIVISION CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

The purpose of this Practice Alert is to provide guidance regarding the payment of direct child care services for Child Welfare Children and to clarify what additional cost child care providers **cannot** request of Children's Division Children and Families.

The Children's Division only pays for direct child care services.

**Child Care is defined as** the care, supervision, and guidance of a child for compensation, for periods of less than twenty-four (24) hours, but more than one-half (1/2) hour per day in a licensed/contracted or registered facility.

The current child care contract; Section 6.B., states, "The provider shall not collect any additional funds from Child Welfare Services (i.e. Children's Division) families or children. Child Welfare Services families and children include, but are not limited to, families or children receiving Adoption Services, Alternative Care (Foster Care), Family Centered Services, Legal Guardianship and Intensive in Home Services." To clarify for staff, any additional funds include registration fees, co-payments, field trip fees, transportation fees, etc. This will be clearly spelled out in the Fiscal Year 2011 child care contract.

Also, child care providers serving Child Welfare Children and Families receive a child specific special needs rate enhancement, which is an additional twenty-five (25%) over their base rate.

Staff should notify the Contract Management Unit of providers that charge additional payments for Child Welfare Children and Families.

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