



Practice Points

The Department of Social Services (DSS) has received feedback from multiple childcare providers on the challenges with serving Protective Services children (i.e. Foster Care). DSS currently provides an additional 25% to providers who care for Foster Care children. Many providers indicated this still is not enough due to the required care. Child care rates are set based on the child's functional age. In order to determine whether a child meets criteria for increased funding, the Children Service Worker, resource parent, or child care provider may submit a Child with Special Needs Verification form (CD-204).

The policy and form can be found at: <https://dssmanuals.mo.gov/child-care-manual/2010-020-00/>