

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHILDREN'S DIVISION AND CONTRACTED STAFF  
 FROM: DARRELL MISSEY, DIRECTOR  
 SUBJECT: NEW RATE INCREASES FOR FOSTER PARENTING

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform staff of several rate increases regarding the foster parenting program that went into effect on July 1, 2023 (FY24). These increases are noted in their respective sections of the Child Welfare Manual as noted below.

Below are the current rates:

<b>Adoption and Guardianship Rates State Fiscal Year 2024</b>	
<b>Age</b>	<b>Rate</b>
0-5	\$368.00
6-12	\$435.00
13-over	\$571.00
SMAS	\$978.00

<b>Foster Care Licensed Rates State Fiscal Year 2024</b>			
<b>Age</b>	<b>Traditional</b>	<b>Level A</b>	<b>Level B</b>
0-5	\$509.00	\$1119.00	\$2034.00

6-12	\$577.00	\$1119.00	\$2034.00
13-Over	\$712.00	\$1119.00	\$2034.00

<b>Foster Care Unlicensed Rates State Fiscal Year 2024</b>	
<b>Age</b>	<b>Amount</b>
0-5	\$345.00
6-12	\$408.00
13-Over	\$455.00

<b>Infant Allowance</b>
\$91.00 per month

<b>Emergency Care</b>
\$37.00 per day

The Children’s Division contracted with Public Consulting Group (PCG) to establish rates for Treatment Foster Care (TFC). The following minimum TFC monthly maintenance rates are based on the TFC rate study completed by PCG, which included an analysis of the cost breakdown, associated with the delivery of TFC for both traditional and relative TFC parents serving Level 1 and Level 2 children.

<b>Treatment Foster Care (TFC) Parent Home; all ages; \$2632.26</b>
<b>Level 2 Treatment Foster Care (TFC) Parent Home; all ages; \$3984.89</b>
<b>Licensed Relative TFC Parent Home; all ages; \$1632.00</b>
<b>Level 2 Licensed Relative TFC Parent Home; all ages; \$2470.63</b>

\*These minimum rates are for TFC homes who are fully licensed and have completed the TFC training requirements; TFC Child Placing Agencies are responsible for these payments to the TFC Homes.

<p><b>NECESSARY ACTION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review this memorandum with all Children’s Division staff.</li> <li>2. Review revised Child Welfare Manual chapters as indicated below.</li> <li>3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:</li> </ol>	
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<p><b>CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS</b>  <a href="#">Section 4, Chapter 9 (Adoption and Guardianship Process), Subsection 6 – Subsidizing an Adoption/Legal Guardianship – DSS Manuals (mo.gov)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Section 4, Chapter 12 (Financial Considerations), Subsection 8 – Payments for Children – DSS Manuals (mo.gov)</a></p>	
<p><b>FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS</b></p>	
<p><b>REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES</b>  (List or put N/A if not applicable.)</p>	
<p><b>RELATED STATUTE</b>  (List or put N/A if not applicable.)</p>	