

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHILDREN'S DIVISION AND CONTRACTED STAFF
FROM: KAYLA UELIGGER, INTEREM DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT (ILA) PAYMENT RATE
INCREASE AND TRANSITIONAL LIVING INCREASE

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memo is to inform staff of policy changes that increased the Independent Living Arrangement (ILA) monthly maintenance payment rates for Missouri foster youth. The contracted payment rates for Transitional Living Group Home (TLG) and Transitional Living Scattered Site (TLS) have also increased.

Effective July 1, 2024, older youth residing in ILA placements will receive \$712.00 monthly. When entering an ILA placement in the FACES placement screen, under "Maintenance Level," Case Managers must select "Above Standard Rate (4)" and enter the amount of \$712.00.

As of August 1, 2024, the Older Youth Transition Specialists have updated all Children's Division ILA placements with the correct amount. The Payment Unit assisted in completing Payment Requests for the month of July to ensure that Children's Division youth received the appropriate amount. All Children's Division youth in ILA placements, as of August 1st, should have received the updated payment amount.

Case Managers are responsible for ensuring that all youth who enter ILA placements after August 1, 2024 have the correct amount (\$712.00) entered in the placement screen.

Effective with July 1, 2024 service dates, all Transitional Living Contractors (TLG/TLS) received a 13% rate increase. The Older Youth Transition Specialists will continue to handle all TL payment requests for Children's Division staff.

NECESSARY ACTION

1. Review this memorandum with all Children’s Division staff.
2. Review revised Child Welfare Manual chapters as indicated below.
3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS

[Section 4, Chapter 5 \(Older Youth Program\), Subsection 5 – Independent Living Arrangement](#)

[Section 4, Chapter 12 \(Financial Considerations\), Subsection 8-Payments for Children](#)

FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

N/A

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES

N/A

RELATED STATUTE