



| 2701 FOSTER CARE RATES | |
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| Chapter: Fiscal Management | Section: Rates |
|  <p>New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families Policy Manual Policy Directive: 17-63 Effective Date: July 2017 Scheduled Review Date:</p> | <p>Approved:</p>  Christine Tappan, Interim DCYF Director |
| Related Statute(s): RSA 170-E , and RSA 170-G Related Admin Rule(s): He-C 6347 , He-C 6423 , and He-C 6446 Related Federal Regulation(s): | Related Form(s): Bridges' Screen(s) and Attachment(s): |

All children and youth belong with family. When children must be temporarily placed away from their families and no appropriate relative care provider is immediately available, DCYF will provide a daily stipend to a foster family to offset the costs of caring for the child/youth in their home and for the work they do to support the child/youth's case plan.

Purpose

To establish the foster care rates that foster family care providers shall be reimbursed for providing board, care, clothing, and other allowances to children/youth.

Definitions

"Adolescent Care" means a credential for foster family care where the care of adolescents, age 14-21 years with specialized needs, provided by foster parents that have been recruited, selected, and trained to serve this specialized population.

"Crisis Care" means a level of the emergency care credential accessible for court-ordered placement afterhours (4:30 pm to 8am) or during the weekends or holidays by law enforcement, DCYF Statewide Assessment Team or an afterhours On-Call Administrator.

"DCYF" or the **"Division"** means the Department of Health and Human Services' Division for Children, Youth and Families.

"Emergency Care" means a credential for foster family care where an unplanned placement is made in a foster family home and services are provided to a child in care for a period not to exceed 10 calendar days.

"General Care" means a credential for foster family care where shelter, supervision, and support services are provided.

"Specialized Care" means a credential for foster family care where shelter, supervision, and support services are provided to children/youth identified as needing specialized care, by foster parents who have met the additional training and care requirements pursuant to He-C 6347.

Policy

- I. The foster care rates paid for children/youth who are in placement and who are the financial responsibility of DCYF are as follows:

| | Age of Child | Daily Rate |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| General Care | Birth through 5 years | \$16.59 |
| | 6 through 11 years | \$18.00 |
| | 12 years and older | \$21.41 |
| Specialized Care | Birth through 5 years | \$21.48 |
| | 6 through 11 years | \$23.31 |
| | 12 years and older | \$27.74 |
| Emergency Care | All ages | \$27.74 |
| Crisis Care | All ages | \$40.55 |
| Adolescents | | \$27.74 |
| Clothing Allowance | | \$1.11 |

- II. Only the actual days a child/youth is placed and resides in the foster family's home are reimbursed.
 - A. Payments for children/youth who runaway or are hospitalized are managed pursuant to [policy 2671](#).
- III. General care rate is provided for children/youth in foster care who are placed with foster parents who meet the general care credential.
 - A. The rates cover customary care of children/youth in licensed (FH) homes, including the cost of providing food, shelter, daily supervision, school supplies, and a child/youth's personal incidentals.
 - B. Bridges automatically adjusts to the correct general care rate based on the age of the child/youth.
- IV. Specialized care rate is provided for children/youth in foster care who are placed with foster parents who meet the specialized care credential.
 - A. The rate is based on the child/youth's behavior or medical conditions, and experience, skills, and training of the provider.
 - B. Bridges automatically adjusts to the correct specialized care rate Based on the age of the child/youth.
- V. Emergency care rate is provided for children/youth in foster care who are placed with foster parents who meet the emergency care credential.
 - A. Emergency Care is provided when there is little information about the child/youth (e.g., no evaluation or assessment has been made), or a General, Specialized, or residential treatment program is not available at the time of placement.
 - B. Payment is limited to a maximum of 10 days per incident.
 - 1. If the child/youth remains with the Emergency Care provider beyond the 10-day limit, the rate must be changed to either the general care or specialized care rate.
 - C. The Emergency Care rate includes clothing allowance funds.
- VI. Crisis care rate is provided for children/youth in foster care who are placed with foster parents who meet the crisis care credential.

- A. Payment is limited to a maximum of five (5) days per incident.
 - B. Crisis care placements are not eligible for the emergency clothing funds for a first time placement.
- VII. Adolescent care rate is provided for youth in foster care who are placed with foster parents who meet the adolescent care credential. See [policy 1603](#).
- VIII. If a child/youth has more than three (3) placements in emergency care or crisis care in a calendar year, the Supervisor must approve the "Service Authorization."
- IX. General and specialized foster care rates include a per day, per child/youth clothing allowances, which are dependent upon federal Title IV-B funds and are reviewed each year on July 1st.