

Par.1. **Material Transmitted and Purpose** – Transmitted with this Manual Letter are changes to Service Chapter 623-05, Foster Care Maintenance Payments manual. **This manual letter supersedes PIs -- PI- 12-15 and attachment, 12-11, 12-10, 12-09, 12-08, and 12-04.**

### **623-05-20-25. Payment Rates**

The standard family foster care maintenance rate includes the cost of (and the cost of providing) food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, school supplies, a child's personal incidentals, and liability insurance with respect to a child.

The family foster care maintenance rate is computed by month and includes an amount for clothing and incidentals. The rate effective July 1, ~~2011~~ 2012, is as follows:

| AGE          | BASIC RATE          | CLOTHING AND INCIDENTALS | COMPUTED MONTHLY    |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 0 – 4 Years  | <del>\$625.68</del> | \$50.00                  | <del>\$675.68</del> |
|              | <u>\$645.95</u>     |                          | <u>\$695.95</u>     |
| 5 – 12 Years | <del>\$714.56</del> | \$60.00                  | <del>\$774.56</del> |
|              | <u>\$737.80</u>     |                          | <u>\$797.80</u>     |
| 13+          | <del>\$779.75</del> | \$70.00                  | <del>\$849.75</del> |
|              | <u>\$805.24</u>     |                          | <u>\$875.24</u>     |

Payments are made using the daily rate times the number of days in care.

| AGE          | COMPUTED MONTHLY    | PAID DAILY         |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 0 – 4 Years  | <del>\$675.68</del> | <del>\$22.21</del> |
|              | <u>\$695.95</u>     | <u>\$22.88</u>     |
| 5 – 12 Years | <del>\$774.56</del> | <del>\$25.46</del> |
|              | <u>\$797.80</u>     | <u>\$26.23</u>     |
| 13+          | <del>\$849.75</del> | <del>\$27.94</del> |
|              | <u>\$875.24</u>     | <u>\$28.78</u>     |

PATH therapeutic rates have been updated. North Homes, Inc. maintenance rates have been updated.

### **623-05-20-35. Maintenance Rate - Therapeutic Foster Care**

#### Professional Association of Treatment Homes (PATH)

When a child is placed in a PATH home, there are three options for payment. The rate effective July 1, ~~2011~~ 2012, is as follows:

The PATH Therapeutic rate of ~~\$94.28~~ \$97.11/day will be paid for all children who are receiving treatment foster care services through PATH programs. A rate of ~~\$57.72~~ \$59.45/day will be paid for all children in the PATH regular foster care (PATH provides case management) and step-down programs. (This amount is separate from treatment costs, which are directly billed to Medicaid by PATH). The county age appropriate foster care rate will be paid in situations where siblings are placed in the same PATH foster home and one of the siblings does not need a therapeutic level of care. In this case the child's case manager will provide case management and supervise the placement.

#### PATH-ND (Professional Association of Treatment Homes)

1112 Nodak Drive, Suite 200

Fargo, ND 58103

Phone: 701-280-8545

#### Billing

Address:

PATH ND

2021 E Hennepin Ave, Ste 320

Minneapolis, MN 55413

#### North Homes, Inc.:

Services provided through North Homes are consistent with the therapeutic family foster care section outlined in Service Chapter 624-05-20-15.

Effective ~~7/1/11~~ 7/1/12, the daily maintenance rate paid to North Homes, Inc. is \$87.01 per day. North Homes, Inc. will pay the foster parents directly. A treatment (rehab) rate is not available to North Homes, Inc. at this time. North

Homes, Inc. and the Department of Human Services will review the foster care maintenance rate quarterly. Please be aware of potential quarterly rate changes when authorizing over/underpayments to North Homes, Inc.

The county appropriate rate will be accepted for children who do not meet the therapeutic level of care but are placed with his/her sibling in a North Homes, Inc. foster home. In this case, the child's case manager will provide case management and supervise the placement.

The maintenance rate includes all irregular payments. The only exceptions are for a minor/infant situation and school related transportation expenses. A child in a North Homes, Inc. foster home, paid under the Standard family foster care rate, is eligible to have irregular payments made on their behalf.

Updated the payments to facilities.

**623-05-20-40. Payment to Foster Care Group Homes, Residential Child Care Facilities**

|   | EFF. DATE                              | DAILY RATE                                 |
|---|--|--|
| <del>Centre, Inc.<br/>201 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street<br/>Grand Forks, ND 58208<br/>Closed Effective 12/31/11</del> | <del>04-01-11</del>                    | <del>(F) 114.20)</del>                     |
| Charles Hall Youth Services<br>P.O. Box 1995<br>Bismarck, ND 58502-1995   | <del>07-01-11</del><br><u>07-01-12</u> | (F) <del>216.15</del><br><u>211.63</u>     |
| Eckert Youth Homes<br>Box 2291<br>Williston, ND 58802   | <del>07-01-11</del><br><u>07-01-12</u> | <del>(F) 186.85</del><br><u>(F) 217.40</u> |
| Home on the Range<br>16351 I-94<br>Sentinel Butte, ND 58654-9500  | <del>09-01-11</del><br><u>04-01-12</u> | (F) <del>209.09</del><br><u>235.89</u>     |
| Prairie Learning Center<br>7785 St. Gertrude Avenue<br>Raleigh, ND 58564-4103                                   | <del>07-01-11</del><br><u>07-01-12</u> | <del>(D) 174.63</del><br><u>(F) 187.46</u> |
| Lake Oahe Group Home of Standing Rock Nation*<br>PO Box 176<br>Fort Yates, ND 58538                             | <del>04-01-10</del><br><u>04-01-12</u> | <del>(F) 164.14</del><br><u>(D) 129.96</u> |

**Please note this is maintenance rate only. Service rehab rate is additional and billed separately. Effective July 1, 1997, the service rehab rate is billed directly to the Medical Services Division, North Dakota Department of Human Services.**

\* Approved facility for tribe.

D Desk Rate

F Final Rate

Updated and linked the Foster Care Transportation Reimbursement Budget Sheet within the Visitation section.

### **623-05-30-25. Category 50 - Transportation Costs**

#### **Visitation Costs for Child's Family – Parent Responsibility**

Parents have a responsibility to be involved and pay their own transportation and other expenses related to visitation of their children in foster care, if they are able. This is separate from any amount they pay to child support.

In instances where the parents determine they are unable to pay their transportation related expenses and request assistance, they have the opportunity to make application to county social services (financial county) for transportation reimbursement.

SFN 1023, "[Foster Care Transportation Reimbursement Budget Sheet](#)," is designed to determine eligibility for transportation reimbursement. It is to be completed once by the child's parent(s), no redetermination is required. Based on the information on the completed form, the parent(s) are either "eligible" or "not eligible" for transportation reimbursement, whether the child is in family or residential care.

Par. 2. **Effective Date** – November 15, 2012