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TO: All Licensed Foster Care Facilities

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The general information sheet and cost report forms are available on-line at the following website: www.nd.gov/dhs. On the left side of the screen, select **“Providers.”** On the ‘Providers’ screen select **“Medical Services Provider Information** Select **“Accept”** to agree to the ‘End Users Agreement for Providers.’ On the ‘Medicaid Provider Information’ screen, select **“Cost Reports.”** Under ‘Cost Report and Budget Report Information for Providers’ select **“Licensed Foster Care Facilities: Report Documents”**. Under ‘Licensed Foster Care Facilities’ select **“Residential Child Care Facility Cost Report and Instructions.”**

Complete the cost report consistent with the North Dakota Administrative Code, Chapter 75-03-15. The information establishes rates beginning January 1, 2012. We review the cost report for consistency in adjustments based on our review of the previous cost report. We convey the differences to the residential child care facility’s contact person, who communicates the adjustments to the person(s) preparing the cost report and to the facility’s administrator.

In order to facilitate the processing and review of your facility cost report, submit copies of the following additional information:

- A letter, signed by the administrator and the facility’s accounting firm, authorizing access to the preparer’s workpapers;
- Workpapers supporting the accumulation of data for the cost report;
- The audit report of the facility’s financial records and the fiscal year end adjusting and reversing entries;
- A working trial balance or general ledger that ties to the reconciliation of costs;
- A workpaper identifying the account number, description, amount and, total amount for any combination of accounts that appear on Schedules C-1 and C-4;
- The workpapers reclassifying costs from the general ledger accounts into categories for inclusion in the cost report;
- The square footage map or floor plan, for facilities with allocations, identifying all square footage that ties to the square footage allocation workpaper;
- The depreciation schedules;

Schedule A, General Information and Certification, complete and sign Schedule A. The administrator and certified public accountant (CPA), if prepared by CPA, must sign the page. The original signatures must accompany the cost report. A complete copy of the cost report must be printed and sent along with Schedule A.

Schedule C-1, Statement of Reimbursable Costs, The total costs are included on Schedule C-1. Do not subtract adjustments from the general ledger costs prior to completing Schedule C-1. If the accrual basis is not used, the cost report is returned to the facility for revision. Make sure that your accountant is aware of this.

Schedule D, Adjustments Summary, use one column for each adjustment made on the Schedule D's, when preparing the summary of adjustments. For additional columns, copy the summary.

As a reminder, ***the cost report is due within three months of your fiscal year end*** to North Dakota Department of Human Services, Fiscal Administration - Provider Audit, 1600 E. Century Avenue Suite 5, Bismarck, ND 58503. In order to avoid the possibility of penalties, take any precautionary measures necessary to substantiate the date of filing and to assure that all the required information is completed and submitted.

The inflator percentage established by legislation is 3.00%. When the rates are established, Children and Family Services sends / faxes the rate computations and supporting data. Cost reports completed in accordance with the requirements will not require further adjustments during the review. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 328-7560.