

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA**

July 1, 2015

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TO: County Social Services
Regional Supervisors
Division of Juvenile Services
Tribal Social Services
PATH-North Dakota

FROM: Dean Sturn, Foster Care Administrator

SUBJECT: **Therapeutic Foster Care Rate**

PROGRAMS: Therapeutic Foster Care Maintenance Payments – 623-05-20-35

RETENTION: Until manualized

EFFECTIVE: **July 1, 2015**

The foster care maintenance rates for children placed in a PATH home will change. When a child is placed in a PATH home, there are three options for payment. The rates effective July 1, 2015 are:

- The PATH Therapeutic rate of \$108.18/day will be paid for all children who are receiving treatment foster care services through PATH programs.
- A rate of \$66.23/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 billing statements will reflect the above changes. Payments to PATH should not be authorized unless you have a billing statement for the appropriate month.

A group/ therapeutic approval is required for all PATH placements. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Kelsey Bless at (701)328-3581 or Deb Lachenmeier at (701)328-1710 if you have questions.