

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA
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TO: Regional Supervisors
County Social Services
Division of Juvenile Services
Tribal Social Services
PATH

FROM: Kelsey Bless, Permanency Administrator

SUBJECT: Irregular Payment Expenditure Limits

PROGRAMS: Foster Care

EFFECTIVE: **April 1, 2017**

RETENTION: Until Manualized

After further review of expenditure limits, Children and Family Services (CFS) increased expenditure limits for:

- Category 10 ages 0-4
- Code 22 special clothing allowance for ages 0-4
- Code 22 special clothing allowance for ages 5-12

Changes were made to the charts and policy (noted below in red) to recognize the increases as well as better defined level IV EMP calculations. All outstanding PI's will be manualized as soon as possible for easy online viewing.

Category 10 - Activities & Incidentals 623-05-30-05

All Category 10 expenditures require receipts.

The age limit coincides with the standard foster care maintenance rate age limits as follows:

Age Limits	Expenditure Limit/Year
0-4	\$200 \$300
5-12	\$500
13+	\$700

The year is computed from the first date of entry into a paid foster care setting. If a child enters and leaves care during the same year, the yearly limit remains the same. The "expenditure limit/year" is a maximum amount per child regardless of multiple entries to foster care during that year.

Category 20 Clothing for Foster Children 623-05-30-10

22 Special Clothing Allowance:

- A special clothing allowance may be authorized to replace clothing lost in a fire, flood, theft, other type of disaster, or for sudden growth spurts.
- The special clothing allowance rate is for emergency and extraordinary extenuating circumstances and should never be used to meet the ongoing clothing needs of the foster child.
- The special clothing allowance cannot be used to supplement the initial clothing purchases.
- The special allowance is not an entitlement.

Age Limits	Expenditure Limit/Year
0 - 4	\$250 -\$300
5 - 12	\$325 \$350
13 - Over	\$400

Updated charts to accommodate the expenditure limit increases.

Attached for Reference (4/2017 versions):

- Irregular Payment Categories & Codes (Family)
- Irregular Payment Categories & Codes (Group & Residential Care)

These charts will be placed in

623-05-25-10

- Irregular Payment Categories & Codes (Family)
- Irregular Payment Categories & Codes (Group & Residential Care)

623-05-65-28

- Irregular Payment Categories & Codes (Family)

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- Irregular Payment Categories & Codes (Group & Residential Care)