

**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  
Residential Facilities  
PATH

**FROM:** Kelsey Bless, Permanency Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Definitions 623-05-05  
Residential Facility Rates 623-05-20-40  
Supervised Independent Living Rate 623-05-20-45 --NEW

**PROGRAMS:** Foster Care

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

**RETENTION:** Until Manualized

Children and Family Services (CFS) issues policy specific to a new level of foster care that allows for maintenance reimbursement. Family First Prevention Services Act (PL 115-123) acknowledges a supervised independent living setting as an allowable foster care placement eligible for foster care reimbursement. North Dakota Administrative rules NDAC 75-03-41 were created to support the licensing of the setting specific to agencies offering the service and placement option to foster children over the age of 18.

The Residential Facility Rates section has further clarification added to policy specific to the Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) facility level of care.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kelsey Bless at 701-328-3581 or [kmbless@nd.gov](mailto:kmbless@nd.gov).

## Definitions 623-05-05 - Add two new definitions

Qualified Residential Treatment Program - A licensed or approved residence providing an out-of-home treatment placement for children in a facility that has a trauma informed treatment model designed to address the needs of children with serious emotional or behavioral disorders or disturbances and a program able to implement the treatment identified for the child after receiving an approved assessment.

Supervised Independent Living – is a licensed or approved setting providing supervision and service delivery to a child that has attained age 18 years of age transitioning into adulthood.

### Supervised Independent Living Rate 623-05-20-45 **\*\*NEW\*\***

A supervised independent living setting is an approved foster care setting detailed in Family First Prevention Services Act (PL 115-123) federal legislation, NDCC 50-11 and NDAC 75-03-41 administrative rules. The Department establishes a daily rate for all licensed/approved North Dakota SIL's.

The daily foster care maintenance rates include resident room and board, food, care, clothing, personal supplies, education, recreation, child service-related transportation, liability insurance coverage, utilities, etc. Irregular payments are available for a foster child living in a supervised independent living setting. An invoice/ bill must be received before reimbursement can be made to the SIL agency.

### Maintenance Rates for Supervised Independent Living (SIL)

Provider Name	Provider Number	Effective Date	Rate
Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch DBGH HOME at Northgate	7362	10-1-19	\$123.01/day
PATH SIL Accommodated	7384	11-1-19	\$122/day
PATH SIL Supported	7385	11-1-19	\$62/day

### Residential Facility Rates 623-05-20-40

A qualified residential treatment program (QRTF) is an approved foster care facility setting detailed in Family First Prevention Services Act (PL 115-123) federal legislation, NDCC 50-11 and NDAC 75-03-40 administrative rules. NDHHS,

~~as a purchaser of services, will establish~~The Department ~~-establishes~~ a daily rate per NDAC 75-03-15, "Rate Setting" administrative rules, for all licensed/approved North Dakota ~~residential facilities~~QRTP's.

~~The Facility~~ daily foster care maintenance rates include resident room and board, food, care, clothing, personal supplies, education, recreation, child service related transportation, liability insurance coverage, utilities, etc.

During a child's placement in a residential facility, reimbursement may be available for eligible families to facilitate reunification efforts. Funding may be provided to cover the costs of the family expenses, meals, lodging, occasionally mileage, or commercial transportation as outlined in the irregular payment categories. North Dakota will reimburse allowable travel expenses to the facility with consideration of actual costs, not to exceed state per diem rates. Costs will be reimbursed based on North Dakota in-state rates, even if travel is to another state facility. Commercial transportation will be reimbursed at the actual rate. The facility and custodial case manager are expected to seek the lowest possible rate when commercial transportation is required.

- ~~For foster care billing purposes, these costs are considered a reunification cost and entered as an irregular payment in CCWIPS, Category 50, Code 52. Refer to CCWIPS User Manual for technical assistance related to entering irregular foster care payments in the payment system.~~
- Verification of expenditures are required and must be retained for audit purposes.

A bill must be received before reimbursement can be made to the facility.

#### **~~ND Daily Maintenance Residential Facility Rates~~ for Residential Facilities**

<b>Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP)</b>	<b>EFF. DATE</b>	<b>DAILY RATE</b>
<b>Charles Hall Youth Services</b> P.O. Box 1995, Bismarck, ND 58502-1995	10-01-19	(F) 529.20
<b>Dakota Boys Ranch Assn. – Minot Campus</b> Box 5007, Minot, ND 58702-5007	10-01-19	(F) 391.78
<b>Dakota Boys Ranch Assn. – Fargo Youth Home</b> 1641 31 <sup>st</sup> Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103	10-01-19	(F) 391.78
<b>Home on the Range</b> 16351 I-94, Sentinel Butte, ND 58654-9500	10-01-19	(F) 481.05
<b>Prairie Learning Center</b> 7785 St. Gertrude Ave, Raleigh, ND 58564-4103	10-01-19	(F) 345.43
<b>Pride HOPE Home</b> PO Box 4086, Bismarck, ND 58501 <u>****Closing on January 31, 2020</u>	12-01-19	(F) 225.15