

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

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TO: Human Service Zones
Division of Juvenile Services
Tribal Social Services
Foster Care Providers (Nexus PATH, Youthworks, DBGR, HOTR)
Field Service Specialist

FROM: Kelsey Bless, Permanency Administrator

SUBJECT: Foster Care - Provider Increase

PROGRAMS: **Payment Rates 623-05-20-25**
Nexus-PATH Foster Care Rates 623-05-20-35
Supervised Independent Living Rate 623-05-20-45

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2021

RETENTION: Until Manualized

The 2021 ND legislative session approved a 2.0% foster care provider increase for the first year of the state biennium effective July 1, 2021. The foster care provider rates are updated referencing various sections of the 623-05 policy manual. The Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTP's) were granted a recent rate adjustment and will have their provider increase added in October 2021. There will not be a QRTP provider increase for July 1.

The supervised independent living rates and foster care standard maintenance rates have been updated in the ND payment system, CCWIPS. If you have any questions or need technical assistance, please contact Kelsey Bless at kmbless@nd.gov or 701-328-3581.

Attached:

- ND Maintenance Rate Chart
- Nexus-PATH Payment Chart
- Nexus- PATH Program Components

Policy updates include replacing the payment chart with the July 1,2021 rates.

Payment Rates 623-05-20-25

Effective July 1, 2021

ND Foster Child Age	Basic Rate	Clothing & Incidentals	Avg. Monthly	Daily Rate
0- 4 years	<u>\$ 760</u>	<u>\$ 55.00</u>	<u>\$ 815</u>	<u>\$ 27.18</u>
5-12 years	<u>\$ 870</u>	<u>\$ 65.00</u>	<u>\$ 935</u>	<u>\$ 31.16</u>
13+ years	<u>\$ 951</u>	<u>\$ 75.00</u>	<u>\$1,026</u>	<u>\$ 34.19</u>

Note: The “monthly” rate is provided for your reference. The child’s foster care reimbursement is paid at a daily rate, specific to the actual number of days the child is in the provider placement during the service month. Reminder the clothing and incidentals are embedded into the rate to secure basic clothing upgrades and personal incidentals for the child. Irregular payments are not included on this chart and continue to be permitted with pre-approval, not to exceed the annual maximums notes in policy manual 623-05.

NEXUS-PATH Foster Care Rates 623-05-20-35

Effective July 1, 2021

NEXUS-PATH RATES BY PROVIDER TYPE & LEVEL	July 2021 Avg. Monthly Rate (30 day)	July 2021 Daily Rate
Intensive Treatment Foster Care	<u>\$6,388.11</u>	<u>\$212.94</u>
Treatment Foster Care	<u>\$3,460.81</u>	<u>\$115.36</u>
Step down from TFC	<u>\$2,118.71</u>	<u>\$70.62</u>
Regular Foster Care	<u>\$2,118.71</u>	<u>\$70.62</u>
Flow through	\$ VARIED \$	\$ State Rate \$

NOTE: The “monthly” rate is provided for reference. The child’s foster care reimbursement is paid at a daily rate, specific to the actual number of days the child is in the provider placement during the service month. ~~The payment is made to the licensed child placing agency, inclusive of administrative costs embedded into the rate for the agency. Nexus PATH reimburses the licensed foster parents after removing administrative and service fees from the established maintenance rate.~~ Foster care reimbursement is made to a licensed child placing agency (LCPA), the rate is inclusive of the administrative, training, case management and foster child costs. Foster parents are reimbursed an established daily rate directly from the agency, which is embedded within the agency daily rate.

Supervised Independent Living Rate 623-05-20-45

Supervised Independent Living (18+)	PROVIDER NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE	DAILY RATE
Dakota Boys Ranch Assn. - HOME at Northgate	7362	<u>07-01-21</u>	<u>\$ 128.61</u>
Nexus PATH – Accommodated SIL	7384	<u>07-01-21</u>	<u>\$ 127.55</u>
Nexus PATH – Supported SIL	7385	<u>07-01-21</u>	<u>\$ 64.82</u>