

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA**

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**TO:** Human Service Zones  
Division of Juvenile Services  
Tribal Social Services  
Field Service Specialists  
Nexus PATH

**FROM:** Kelsey Bless, CFS Licensing Unit Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Payment Rates 623-05-20-25  
Residential Facility Rates 623-05-20-40  
Supervised Independent Living Rate 623-05-20-45

**PROGRAMS:** Foster Care Maintenance – Provider Rates

**RETENTION:** Until Manualized

**EFFECTIVE:** July 1, 2022

Children and Family Services updated policy to reflect the legislative increase granted to foster care providers. The legislative increase for this biennium (2021-2023) was 2.25%, with 2% granted on July 1, 2021. The remaining 0.25% is being applied effective July 1, 2022.

Eligible providers include family foster care providers, Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (Q RTP), Supervised Independent Living (SIL) settings and certified shelter care sites. NDDHS renegotiated the rate for Nexus PATH homes in January 2022, resulting in no additional provider increase granted to Nexus PATH in July.

The rates have been updated in the payment system to automatically generate based on the dates in placement.

If you have questions about the daily rate for foster care providers please contact Kelsey Bless at [kmbless@nd.gov](mailto:kmbless@nd.gov) or Deb Lachenmeier at [dlachenmeier@nd.gov](mailto:dlachenmeier@nd.gov).

Rates handout will be posted on the CFS Website:  
<https://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/family.html>

## Payment Rates 623-05-20-25

The family foster care rates are reviewed and revised annually, based on legislative action. The standard family foster care maintenance rate includes the cost of (and the cost of providing) food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, school supplies, a child's personal incidentals, and liability insurance with respect to a child.

The family foster care maintenance rate is computed by month and includes an amount for clothing and incidentals. Maintenance rates effective July 1, ~~2021~~2022:

ND Child Age	Basic Rate	Clothing & Incidentals	Avg. Monthly	Daily Rate
0 - 4 years	<del>\$ 760</del> <u>763</u>	\$ 55.00	<del>\$ 815</del> <u>818</u>	<del>\$ 27.18</del> <u>27.25</u>
5 - 12 years	<del>\$ 870</del> <u>872</u>	\$ 65.00	<del>\$ 935</del> <u>937</u>	<del>\$ 31.16</del> <u>31.23</u>
13+ year	<del>\$ 951</del> <u>953</u>	\$ 75.00	<del>\$ 1,026</del> <u>1028</u>	<del>\$ 34.19</del> <u>34.27</u>

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

A qualified residential treatment program (QRTP) is an approved foster care facility setting specified in Family First Prevention Services Act (PL 115-123) federal legislation, NDCC 50-11 and NDAC 75-03-40. The Department establishes a daily rate "fee for service" per NDAC 75-03-15, for all licensed/approved North Dakota QRTP's.

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

During a child's placement in a QRTP, 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.
- Verification of expenditures are required and must be retained for audit purposes.

A bill must be received at the CFS Eligibility Unit before reimbursement can be made to the facility.

### ND Daily Maintenance Residential Facility Rates

QRTP fee for service rates are determined by the department and authorized by the CFS Eligibility Unit in the ND payment system specific to the ND base rate and the child's difficulty of care rate.

<b>North Dakota Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP)</b>	
<b>Dakota Boys Ranch Assn. - Minot Campus</b> Box 5007, Minot, ND 58702-5007	<b>Provider #7357</b>
<b>Dakota Boys Ranch Assn. - Fargo Youth Home</b> 1641 31st Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103	<b>Provider #7358</b>
<b>Home on the Range</b> 16351 I-94, Sentinel Butte, ND 58654-9500	<b>Provider #7359</b>

The child's difficulty of care (DOC) rate is determined by the CANS assessment weighted score and is billed as an addition to the base rate as an irregular payment, category 64. [Maintenance rates effective July 1, 2022:](#)

<b>Payment Rates</b>	<b><del>EFF. DATE</del></b>	<b>DAILY RATE</b>
Base Level	<del>10-01-21</del>	\$ <del>297.74</del> <u>298.48</u> /day
Level 2 (IR category 64 = \$185.30/day)	<del>10-01-21</del>	\$ <del>483.04</del> <u>483.78</u> /day
Level 3 (IR category 64 = \$404.76/day)	<del>10-01-21</del>	\$ <del>702.50</del> <u>703.24</u> /day

The rate is determined by the department and is added to the base rate as a Category 64.

<b>Variable Payment Rates</b>	<b><del>EFF. DATE</del></b>	<b>DAILY RATE</b>
Emergency Rate (IR category 64 = \$75/day)	<del>10-01-21</del>	\$ <del>372.74</del> <u>373.48</u> /day

Maximum of 30 days when a child is initially placed and denied the Q RTP level of care		
Respite Rate Maximum of 7 days when a child is offered temporary onsite respite care at a Q RTP.	<del>10-01-21</del>	<del>\$297.74</del> <b><u>298.48/day</u></b>

If a child placed as an emergency placement does not receive an approval from the Qualified Individual within 30 days, the entire Q RTP stay is non-reimbursable.

## Supervised Independent Living Rate 623-05-20-45

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)

Maintenance rates effective July 1, 2022:

Supervised Independent Living (18+)	PROVIDER NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE	DAILY RATE
Nexus-PATH: Accommodated SIL	7384	<del>07-01-21</del>	<del>\$127.55</del> <u>127.87</u>
Nexus-PATH: Supported SIL	7385	<del>07-01-21</del>	<del>\$64.82</del> <u>64.98</u>