

Bulletin

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OF INTEREST TO

- County Human Services Directors
- County Social Service Fiscal Supervisors
- County Social Service Supervisors
- Child Placing Agencies

ACTION/DUE DATE

Update county's database for the new foster care maintenance, DOC rates and clothing allowances per the attached charts.

EXPIRATION DATE

The policies in this bulletin are effective for calendar year 2007 only.

Foster Care Maintenance and DOC Rates for CY 2007

TOPIC

Foster Care Maintenance and Difficulty of Care (DOC) rate charts by age category for calendar year 2007 effective January 1, 2007

PURPOSE

Provide county human service and private agencies the 2007 foster care rates to be paid for out-of-home placements

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BACKGROUND

Minnesota Rules, part 9560.0650, subpart 1, and part 9565.0655, subpart 3, require that the Department review and revise the Foster Care Maintenance standards and Difficulty of Care rates annually. Minnesota Rules require using the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimates of the cost of raising a child in determining the annual child foster care rates.

LEGAL REFERENCES

Minnesota Statutes, section 256.82, subdivision 3

Minnesota Rules, part 9560.0650, subpart 1

Minnesota Rules, part 9560.0655, subpart 3

Minnesota Rules, parts 9560.0651 to 9560.0656

ACTION REQUIRED

• Daily Basic Maintenance Foster Care Rates

The daily basic maintenance rates to be paid to child foster care providers for service dates beginning January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 are as follows:

Ages 0 through 11	\$ 19.24
Ages 12 through 14	\$ 22.39
Ages 15 through 18	\$ 22.99

• Initial Clothing Allowance Rates

Below are the initial clothing allowance rates effective January 1, 2007. To be eligible for Title IV-E reimbursement, his allowance must be used within 60 days of the child's initial placement in foster care.

Ages 0 through 11	\$ 389
Ages 12 through 14	\$ 658
Ages 15 through 18	\$ 744

• Difficulty of Care (DOC)

Minnesota Rules, part 9560.0656, provides criteria for assessing the DOC and payment rates for children in foster care. The DOC assessment tool required in Minnesota Rule, Part 9560.0654 is to be used to calculate the rate. Each DOC point is to be calculated at the daily rate of 22 cents. The tables in Attachment A show combined Foster Care Maintenance and the Difficulty of Care Daily Rate schedules for each age category.

The Department recommends the social worker complete an assessment to determine the initial DOC Daily Rate within 30 days of the child's placement in foster care. Thereafter, the DOC Daily Rate must be reassessed:

- 1) At the end of 12 months in the same placement;
- 2) At the request of a foster parent;
- 3) When a child is placed in a different facility; or
- 4) If a child's level of need changes.

Minnesota Rules, parts 9560.0665, subparts 4 and 5 require the county to give a child's foster care provider a written notice of the initial DOC assessment and reassessment. This notice includes:

- 1) Statement of DOC rating and dollar value
- 2) Method of assessment
- 3) Statement of legal authority for the rating
- 4) Statement of the circumstances under which the agency must reassess the child
- 5) Procedure to seek reassessment
- 6) Notice that the foster provider has the right to a fair hearing review of the assessment by the department
- 7) In addition, reassessments need to include the prior DOC rating, new DOC rating, effective date of rating and a notice that a foster parent who requests a review of the DOC rating within 10 days, may continue at the current rate pending the hearing, but the agency may recover any overpayment.

DOC costs cannot be claimed retroactively earlier than the first day of the month in which the assessment was completed. This statement pertains to the county agency's ability to claim federal reimbursement for these costs; however, foster parents may still receive the adjusted payment retroactively.

DOC assessments must be completed for all children placed in foster family settings, foster residence settings and treatment foster care settings licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 2960.3000 to 2960.3340. The DOC rate is considered part of the maintenance rate and is Title IV-E reimbursable for eligible children.

SPECIAL NEEDS

This information is available in other forms to people with disabilities by contacting us at (651) 431-3725 (voice), or through the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TDD), 7-1-1 or 1-877-627-3848 (speech-to-speech relay service).

Attachments

ATTACHMENT A

Ages 0 thru 11 Calendar Year 2007 Basic and DOC Per Diems

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# DOC Points	DOC and Basic Per diem	# DOC Points	DOC and Basic Per diem	# DOC Points	DOC and Basic Per diem	# DOC Points	DOC and Basic Per diem	# DOC Points	DOC and Basic Per diem
0	19.24								
1	19.46	46	29.36	91	39.26	136	49.16	181	59.06
2	19.68	47	29.58	92	39.48	137	49.38	182	59.28
3	19.90	48	29.80	93	39.70	138	49.60	183	59.50
4	20.12	49	30.02	94	39.92	139	49.82	184	59.72
5	20.34	50	30.24	95	40.14	140	50.04	185	59.94
6	20.56	51	30.46	96	40.36	141	50.26	186	60.16
7	20.78	52	30.68	97	40.58	142	50.48	187	60.38
8	21.00	53	30.90	98	40.80	143	50.70	188	60.60
9	21.22	54	31.12	99	41.02	144	50.92	189	60.82
10	21.44	55	31.34	100	41.24	145	51.14	190	61.04
11	21.66	56	31.56	101	41.46	146	51.36	191	61.26
12	21.88	57	31.78	102	41.68	147	51.58	192	61.48
13	22.10	58	32.00	103	41.90	148	51.80	193	61.70
14	22.32	59	32.22	104	42.12	149	52.02	194	61.92
15	22.54	60	32.44	105	42.34	150	52.24	195	62.14
16	22.76	61	32.66	106	42.56	151	52.46	196	62.36
17	22.98	62	32.88	107	42.78	152	52.68	197	62.58
18	23.20	63	33.10	108	43.00	153	52.90	198	62.80
19	23.42	64	33.32	109	43.22	154	53.12	199	63.02
20	23.64	65	33.54	110	43.44	155	53.34	200	63.24
21	23.86	66	33.76	111	43.66	156	53.56	201	63.46
22	24.08	67	33.98	112	43.88	157	53.78	202	63.68
23	24.30	68	34.20	113	44.10	158	54.00	203	63.90
24	24.52	69	34.42	114	44.32	159	54.22	204	64.12
25	24.74	70	34.64	115	44.54	160	54.44	205	64.34
26	24.96	71	34.86	116	44.76	161	54.66	206	64.56
27	25.18	72	35.08	117	44.98	162	54.88	207	64.78
28	25.40	73	35.30	118	45.20	163	55.10	208	65.00
29	25.62	74	35.52	119	45.42	164	55.32	209	65.22
30	25.84	75	35.74	120	45.64	165	55.54	210	65.44
31	26.06	76	35.96	121	45.86	166	55.76	211	65.66
32	26.28	77	36.18	122	46.08	167	55.98	212	65.88
33	26.50	78	36.40	123	46.30	168	56.20	213	66.10
34	26.72	79	36.62	124	46.52	169	56.42	214	66.32
35	26.94	80	36.84	125	46.74	170	56.64	215	66.54
36	27.16	81	37.06	126	46.96	171	56.86	216	66.76
37	27.38	82	37.28	127	47.18	172	57.08	217	66.98
38	27.60	83	37.50	128	47.40	173	57.30	218	67.20
39	27.82	84	37.72	129	47.62	174	57.52	219	67.42
40	28.04	85	37.94	130	47.84	175	57.74	220	67.64
41	28.26	86	38.16	131	48.06	176	57.96	221	67.86
42	28.48	87	38.38	132	48.28	177	58.18	222	68.08
43	28.70	88	38.60	133	48.50	178	58.40	223	68.30
44	28.92	89	38.82	134	48.72	179	58.62	224	68.52
45	29.14	90	39.04	135	48.94	180	58.84	225	68.74

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Ages 12 thru 14 Calendar Year 2007 Basic and DOC Per Diem:

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# DOC Points	DOC and Basic Per Diem	# DOC Points	DOC and Basic Per Diem	# DOC Points	DOC and Basic Per Diem	# DOC Points	DOC and Basic Per Diem	# DOC Points	DOC and Basic Per Diem
0	22.39								
1	22.61	46	32.51	91	42.41	136	52.31	181	62.21
2	22.83	47	32.73	92	42.63	137	52.53	182	62.43
3	23.05	48	32.95	93	42.85	138	52.75	183	62.65
4	23.27	49	33.17	94	43.07	139	52.97	184	62.87
5	23.49	50	33.39	95	43.29	140	53.19	185	63.09
6	23.71	51	33.61	96	43.51	141	53.41	186	63.31
7	23.93	52	33.83	97	43.73	142	53.63	187	63.53
8	24.15	53	34.05	98	43.95	143	53.85	188	63.75
9	24.37	54	34.27	99	44.17	144	54.07	189	63.97
10	24.59	55	34.49	100	44.39	145	54.29	190	64.19
11	24.81	56	34.71	101	44.61	146	54.51	191	64.41
12	25.03	57	34.93	102	44.83	147	54.73	192	64.63
13	25.25	58	35.15	103	45.05	148	54.95	193	64.85
14	25.47	59	35.37	104	45.27	149	55.17	194	65.07
15	25.69	60	35.59	105	45.49	150	55.39	195	65.29
16	25.91	61	35.81	106	45.71	151	55.61	196	65.51
17	26.13	62	36.03	107	45.93	152	55.83	197	65.73
18	26.35	63	36.25	108	46.15	153	56.05	198	65.95
19	26.57	64	36.47	109	46.37	154	56.27	199	66.17
20	26.79	65	36.69	110	46.59	155	56.49	200	66.39
21	27.01	66	36.91	111	46.81	156	56.71	201	66.61
22	27.23	67	37.13	112	47.03	157	56.93	202	66.83
23	27.45	68	37.35	113	47.25	158	57.15	203	67.05
24	27.67	69	37.57	114	47.47	159	57.37	204	67.27
25	27.89	70	37.79	115	47.69	160	57.59	205	67.49
26	28.11	71	38.01	116	47.91	161	57.81	206	67.71
27	28.33	72	38.23	117	48.13	162	58.03	207	67.93
28	28.55	73	38.45	118	48.35	163	58.25	208	68.15
29	28.77	74	38.67	119	48.57	164	58.47	209	68.37
30	28.99	75	38.89	120	48.79	165	58.69	210	68.59
31	29.21	76	39.11	121	49.01	166	58.91	211	68.81
32	29.43	77	39.33	122	49.23	167	59.13	212	69.03
33	29.65	78	39.55	123	49.45	168	59.35	213	69.25
34	29.87	79	39.77	124	49.67	169	59.57	214	69.47
35	30.09	80	39.99	125	49.89	170	59.79	215	69.69
36	30.31	81	40.21	126	50.11	171	60.01	216	69.91
37	30.53	82	40.43	127	50.33	172	60.23	217	70.13
38	30.75	83	40.65	128	50.55	173	60.45	218	70.35
39	30.97	84	40.87	129	50.77	174	60.67	219	70.57
40	31.19	85	41.09	130	50.99	175	60.89	220	70.79
41	31.41	86	41.31	131	51.21	176	61.11	221	71.01
42	31.63	87	41.53	132	51.43	177	61.33	222	71.23
43	31.85	88	41.75	133	51.65	178	61.55	223	71.45
44	32.07	89	41.97	134	51.87	179	61.77	224	71.67
45	32.29	90	42.19	135	52.09	180	61.99	225	71.89

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Ages 15 thru 18 Calendar Year 2007 Basic and DOC Per Diem:

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0	22.99								
1	23.21	46	33.11	91	43.01	136	52.91	181	62.81
2	23.43	47	33.33	92	43.23	137	53.13	182	63.03
3	23.65	48	33.55	93	43.45	138	53.35	183	63.25
4	23.87	49	33.77	94	43.67	139	53.57	184	63.47
5	24.09	50	33.99	95	43.89	140	53.79	185	63.69
6	24.31	51	34.21	96	44.11	141	54.01	186	63.91
7	24.53	52	34.43	97	44.33	142	54.23	187	64.13
8	24.75	53	34.65	98	44.55	143	54.45	188	64.35
9	24.97	54	34.87	99	44.77	144	54.67	189	64.57
10	25.19	55	35.09	100	44.99	145	54.89	190	64.79
11	25.41	56	35.31	101	45.21	146	55.11	191	65.01
12	25.63	57	35.53	102	45.43	147	55.33	192	65.23
13	25.85	58	35.75	103	45.65	148	55.55	193	65.45
14	26.07	59	35.97	104	45.87	149	55.77	194	65.67
15	26.29	60	36.19	105	46.09	150	55.99	195	65.89
16	26.51	61	36.41	106	46.31	151	56.21	196	66.11
17	26.73	62	36.63	107	46.53	152	56.43	197	66.33
18	26.95	63	36.85	108	46.75	153	56.65	198	66.55
19	27.17	64	37.07	109	46.97	154	56.87	199	66.77
20	27.39	65	37.29	110	47.19	155	57.09	200	66.99
21	27.61	66	37.51	111	47.41	156	57.31	201	67.21
22	27.83	67	37.73	112	47.63	157	57.53	202	67.43
23	28.05	68	37.95	113	47.85	158	57.75	203	67.65
24	28.27	69	38.17	114	48.07	159	57.97	204	67.87
25	28.49	70	38.39	115	48.29	160	58.19	205	68.09
26	28.71	71	38.61	116	48.51	161	58.41	206	68.31
27	28.93	72	38.83	117	48.73	162	58.63	207	68.53
28	29.15	73	39.05	118	48.95	163	58.85	208	68.75
29	29.37	74	39.27	119	49.17	164	59.07	209	68.97
30	29.59	75	39.49	120	49.39	165	59.29	210	69.19
31	29.81	76	39.71	121	49.61	166	59.51	211	69.41
32	30.03	77	39.93	122	49.83	167	59.73	212	69.63
33	30.25	78	40.15	123	50.05	168	59.95	213	69.85
34	30.47	79	40.37	124	50.27	169	60.17	214	70.07
35	30.69	80	40.59	125	50.49	170	60.39	215	70.29
36	30.91	81	40.81	126	50.71	171	60.61	216	70.51
37	31.13	82	41.03	127	50.93	172	60.83	217	70.73
38	31.35	83	41.25	128	51.15	173	61.05	218	70.95
39	31.57	84	41.47	129	51.37	174	61.27	219	71.17
40	31.79	85	41.69	130	51.59	175	61.49	220	71.39
41	32.01	86	41.91	131	51.81	176	61.71	221	71.61
42	32.23	87	42.13	132	52.03	177	61.93	222	71.83
43	32.45	88	42.35	133	52.25	178	62.15	223	72.05
44	32.67	89	42.57	134	52.47	179	62.37	224	72.27
45	32.89	90	42.79	135	52.69	180	62.59	225	72.49