



September 20, 2022

Family, Children and Adult Services Procedure Letter No. 398

TO: Family, Children and Adult Services Manual Holders
FROM: Matt Damschroder, Director
SUBJECT: **Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance (FCM) Ceilings Revisions**

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 5101:2-47-01(M), all FCM ceilings described in OAC rules 5101:2-47-17, 5101:2-47-18 and 5101:2-47-19 have been reviewed. The following ceilings will be effective September 30, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Effective July 1, 2023, Tiered Foster Care maintenance rates will establish reimbursement ranges for levels of placement care and replace FCM ceiling amounts.

Uniform Statewide Standards for Per Diem Foster Care Maintenance Ceilings

(0-18 years)
Minimum - \$10.00
Maximum - \$200.00

Per Diem Foster Care Maintenance Difficulty of Care Maximum Additional Ceilings

Special Needs - \$200.00
Exceptional Needs - \$200.00
Intensive Needs - \$200.00
Emergency Family Foster Care - \$300.00

Auxiliary Payments for Clothing (annual), Personal Incidentals (annual), and Graduation Expenses

Clothing - \$3,000.00 (annual)
Personal Incidentals - \$3,000.00 (annual)
Graduation Expenses - \$1,500.00

Although the ceilings are effective September 30, 2022, due to the provisions of the Budget Control Act of 2011, any increase is not reimbursable through the State Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) until October 1, 2022.

Ohio's base Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for Title IV-E foster care maintenance and adoption assistance payments for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 (October 1, 2022, through

September 30, 2023) is 63.58%.

FFY 2023 FFP will be enhanced by federal matching funding made available through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (amended by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act). The additional funds are available to states until the last day of the calendar year quarter in which the public health emergency ends. This act provides a 6.20 percentage-point increase to Ohio's base FFP for a total FFP of 69.78%. Currently, the enhanced federal match will expire on January 1, 2023 unless there is a federal extension.

SACWIS will be adjusted to reflect these amounts of federal reimbursement for the periods and percentage noted above.

INSTRUCTIONS:

The following chart depicts what materials should be deleted from the Family, Children, and Adult Services Manual (FCASM) and what materials are to be inserted in the FCASM.

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