



September 21, 2023

Family, Children and Adult Services Procedure Letter No. 410

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 were effective September 30, 2023.

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, 2023, due to the provisions of the Budget Control Act of 2011, any increase is not reimbursable through the Ohio Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (Ohio SACWIS) until October 1, 2023.

Ohio's base Federal Financial Participation for Title IV-E foster care maintenance and adoption assistance payments for Federal Fiscal Year 2024 (October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024) is 64.30%.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, in part, scheduled a phase out of the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rates that was enacted due to the public health emergency. The phase out of the enhanced FMAP rate of 1.50% is effective October through December 2023. The resulting FMAP rates for Ohio during Federal Fiscal Year 2024 are as follows:

- October through December 2023 – 65.80%.
- January through September 2024 – 64.30%.

Title IV-E agencies do not need to take any action with respect to the changes in FMAP rates when reporting expenditures. The Ohio SACWIS will assure the appropriate FMAP rate is applied.

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.

LOCATION	REMOVE AND FILE AS OBSOLETE	INSERT/REPLACEMENT
PROCEDURE LETTERS	FCASPL No. 403	FCASPL 410