



May 27, 2022

RE: Emergency Foster Care Service Payment - **UPDATE**

Greetings RBWO Providers,

As of today, the Division in partnership with our private agency partners have secured placements for 38 of the 70 youth without placements. With this said, we still have approximately 35 youth in need of placement. The deadline has been extended to **June 30, 2022**.

If your agency is experiencing any barriers to placements. Please let us know, so we can mitigate any of those barriers (i.e., OPM/RCCL waivers, home pending approval, pending CPS Screening letter).

Below remains the payment structure effective May 19, 2022:

- An Emergency Foster Care Service One Time Payment of **\$5,000** per youth; and
- For CCIs: A daily per diem of **\$343.73** per youth – with the agreement that the provider will maintain the youth for **six months** and the provider will not discharge the youth without a PLANNED next placement.
- For CPAs: A daily per diem of **\$343.73** per youth – break down = Agency Per diem of 193.73 and foster parent per diem of \$150.00 - with the agreement that the provider will maintain the youth for **six months** and the provider will not discharge the youth without a PLANNED next placement.
- For the payment of care an RBWO program designation memorandum must be obtained through CCTU. To request the memorandum please go to www.gascore.com and enter Emergency Foster Care Services Payment in the note section of the request.
- For the One Time Payment of \$5,000 to the respective agency please send an email to James Kizer james.kizer@dhs.ga.gov and/or Audrey Brannen Audrey.Brannen@dhs.ga.gov so that they can process accordingly.

These payments will be to support placements of youth currently staying in a hotel or office (without placement) AND youth stepping down from PRTF who are ready for a least restrictive placement.

All youth **MUST** be placed by **JUNE 30, 2022**. Any provider that disrupts any youth in their program between TODAY and JUNE 30th will **NOT** be eligible for the Emergency Foster Care Service Payment.

The Department's focus over the next couple of months will be working with our provider community to build additional capacity and stability. The Department will not tolerate hotel/office stays any longer or placement disruptions without a PLANNED move. We expect providers to work together to provide a continuum of care for Georgia's children.

We truly appreciate your partnership. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to send an email to opm.leadership@dhs.ga.gov.