



May 19, 2022

RE: Emergency Foster Care Service Payment

Greetings RBWO Providers,

As we are all aware, the Division is experiencing a crisis with finding placements for youth with complex needs. The Division has roughly 70 youth currently being housed in local DFCS offices or in a hotel. We are in need of support from our provider community to accept these placements as soon as possible.

Beginning today, The Division will be offering the following:

- 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.

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 1, 2022**. Any provider that disrupts any youth in their program between **TODAY** and **JUNE 1ST** 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.