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MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Directors
County Directors
State Office Staff

FROM: Sharon L. Hill, Ph.D, Division Director 

RE: Rate Increases for Family Foster Care Per Diem, Room Board Watchful Oversight (RBWO), Enhanced Relative Rate, Subsidized Guardianship and Enhanced Subsidized Guardianship, Relative Care Subsidy and Enhanced Relative Care Subsidy, Initial and Annual Clothing Allowance

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you of the recent rate increases in the following programs:

1. Family Foster Care
2. RBWO Programs
3. Enhanced Relative Rate
4. Subsidized Guardianship and Enhanced Subsidized Guardianship (Relative and Non-relative Caregivers)
5. Relative Care Subsidy and Enhanced Relative Care Subsidy Relative

Discussion

Effective July 1, 2013, the following rate increases are in effect for the following programs:

Daily Basic Service Rate for Children in Family Foster Care

Child age birth through 5	\$15.04
Child age 6 through 12	\$17.00
Child age 13 and older	\$19.36

Monthly Sibling Incentive

Sibling Incentive	\$103.00 per child (sibling groups of 3 or more)
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RBWO CCI Daily Rate

Base Watchful Oversight	\$104.87
Additional Watchful Oversight	\$132.85
Maximum Watchful Oversight	\$187.30
Maternity	\$104.87
Second Chance Home	\$104.87 plus \$62.92 for the infant=\$167.79
Teen Development	\$111.46

RBWO CPA Daily Rate

	Fixed Payment to agency	Payment to Foster Parent for child 0-5 years of age	Payment to Foster Parent for child 6-12 years of age	Payment to Foster Parent for child 13+ years of age
Traditional	\$22.08 plus	\$15.04	\$17.00	\$19.36
Base Watchful Oversight	\$29.89 plus	\$15.04	\$17.00	\$19.36
Maximum Watchful Oversight	\$41.27 plus	\$15.04	\$17.00	\$19.36
Specialty Base Watchful Oversight	\$46.35 plus	\$15.04	\$17.00	\$19.36
Specialty Maximum Watchful Oversight	\$71.07 plus	\$15.04	\$17.00	\$19.36
Specialty Medically Fragile Watchful Oversight	\$83.43 plus	\$15.04	\$17.00	\$19.36

Monthly Enhanced Relative Rate

Child age birth through 5	\$365.91
Child age 6 through 12	\$413.67
Child age 13 and older	\$471.15

Monthly Enhanced Subsidy Guardianship Payment and Monthly Enhanced Relative Care Subsidy Payment

Child age birth through 5	\$365.91
Child age 6 through 12	\$413.67
Child age 13 and older	\$471.15

Monthly Subsidized Guardianship Payment and Monthly Relative Care Subsidy Payment

All child age groups	\$313.30
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Clothing Allowance

Initial----Birth through age 12	\$206.00
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Annual	\$309.00
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Implementation

The new rates are effective July 1, 2013.

Existing per diems will be adjusted internally to effectively apply the respective 3% increase to RBWO agency rates and the age based rates as applicable. Existing RBWO waiver letters will not be updated, but all new waiver letters issued subsequent to this memorandum will reflect the new rates.

County Directors should ensure that their foster parents are notified of the rate increases.

All questions should be directed to the Regional Field Program Specialist. Regional Field Program Specialists will direct inquiries to the Regional Accounting office. **NOTE:** The Field Fiscal Services Manual (COSTAR) has been updated to reflect these changes and can be accessed at: <http://167.193.156.254>.

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