

FOSTER CARE IRREGULAR PAYMENTS

FAMILY FOSTER HOME

ALLOWABLE & NON-ALLOWABLE

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<p>10 Limited School Supplies & Activities</p> <p>Codes: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16</p> <p>Policy: 623-05-30-05</p> <p>Approval: County</p> <p>** NOTE: Items purchased for a foster child belong to the child and <u>must</u> accompany the child home or to a new foster care placement!</p>	<p>Code 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Trips, • Specialized School Supplies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ shop/art/lab fees, scientific calculator, • School Pictures, • Senior Pictures, Announcements, Cap/Gown, Class Ring <p>Code 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-clothing related athletic equipment including sport shoes • Gym Class required attire (shirt/shorts) • Sports related personal incidentals <p>Code 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prom Dress • Tux Rental <p>Code 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Registration and Fees • Extra-Curricular Activity Fees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Swimming lessons, karate, bowling club, gymnastics, dance, girl scouts, boy scouts, 4H, etc. • Summer school or after school programming provided by the school district; when the program is not licensed as a ND child care provider. <p>Code 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Lessons • Lease or Purchase of Instrument <p>Code 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Backpack • Personal Incidentals • Personal Hygiene Items, • Cosmetics, • Over the counter medications, • Special dietary foods, and • Infant and toddler supplies, including high chairs, formula, diapers and miscellaneous items. <p><u>Age Limits Expenditure Limit/Year</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">0 - 4</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 - 12</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13 – over+</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$700</td> </tr> </table>	0 - 4	\$200	5 - 12	\$500	13 – over+	\$700	<p>School supplies are presumed to be included in the standard foster care maintenance rate. Therefore, school supplies (ex: crayons, tablets, binder, etc.) are not reimbursable as an irregular maintenance payment.</p> <p>College costs of any kind.</p> <p>Correspondence courses.</p> <p>Tutoring.</p> <p>School tuition.</p> <p>School registrations.</p> <p>Travel & transportation expenses. Local travel related to activities is included in the standard monthly foster care maintenance rate.</p>
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<p>20 Clothing Allowance</p> <p>Codes: 21 22</p> <p>Policy: 623-05-30-10</p> <p>Approval: County</p>	<p>Code 21 Initial Clothing Allowance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon entry into their first paid foster care placement. • Prior approval must be obtained. • Clothing must be purchased within the first five months of initial placement. • Receipts must be submitted. • In order for a child to receive the initial clothing allowance again, the child must have been discharged from foster care for a 12-month period. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Age Limits</u></th> <th><u>Expenditure Limit/Year</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0 - 4</td> <td>\$400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 - 12</td> <td>\$400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13 - Over</td> <td>\$400</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Code 22 Special Clothing Allowance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A special clothing allowance may be authorized to replace clothing lost in a fire, flood, theft, other type of disaster, or for sudden growth spurts. • For emergency and extraordinary extenuating circumstances only. • Rarely used. • Cannot be used to supplement the initial clothing purchases or ongoing clothing needs. • Not an entitlement. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Age Limits</u></th> <th><u>Expenditure Limit/Year</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0 - 4</td> <td>\$250</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 - 12</td> <td>\$325</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13 - Over</td> <td>\$400</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Age Limits</u>	<u>Expenditure Limit/Year</u>	0 - 4	\$400	5 - 12	\$400	13 - Over	\$400	<u>Age Limits</u>	<u>Expenditure Limit/Year</u>	0 - 4	\$250	5 - 12	\$325	13 - Over	\$400	<p>The regular on-going clothing needs of the child are included in the standard monthly foster care maintenance rate. Therefore, on-going clothing costs to maintain a child's wardrobe are not reimbursed as irregular payments.</p> <p>On ongoing clothing rate is built into the standard maintenance rate is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0-4 years old = \$55 • 5-12 years old = \$65 • 13+ years old = \$75
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<p>30 Emergency Foster Care</p> <p>Code 31</p> <p>Policy: 623-05-30-15</p> <p>Approval: County</p>	<p>Code 31 Emergency FC Placement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This code is specific to and may only be applied when a child is initially placed in a licensed or approved (Tribal Affidavit) family foster home. • The emergency payment will increase the daily foster care maintenance rate for a maximum of \$35 per day to meet the additional extenuating expenditures as a result of the child's emergency placement. <p>\$35/day for 15 days.</p>																	

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<p>40 Child Care</p> <p>Codes 41 43</p> <p>Policy: 623-05-30-20</p> <p>Approval: Regional Supervisor & permanency plan</p>	<p>Code 41 can be applied when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child care supervision is required during foster parent’s working hours when a foster child is not in school, or • A foster parent is enrolled in and attending post-secondary education to obtain a degree or meet educational requirements for their current employment. <p>Code 43 can be applied when</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The foster parent is not working, but is required to attend activities (without the foster child) which are beyond the scope of “ordinary parental duties” such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Child & Family Team meetings, case planning, case conferences, court hearings, etc. 	<p>Child care provided to a foster child to facilitate a foster parent’s participation in activities that are within the realm of “ordinary parental duties”.</p> <p>Child care activities which are deemed a social service.</p> <p>Child care provided to a child in foster care due to the illness of the foster.</p> <p>Child care for respite.</p> <p>Child care while the foster parent attends school conferences is not allowable as it is an ordinary parental duty.</p> <p>Child care provided to facilitate visits to a child who is temporarily out of the home (child hospitalized or at camp).</p> <p>Therapeutic (play therapy/socialization) daycare.</p> <p>Informal, episodic child care is presumed to be included in the standard monthly foster care maintenance rate.</p>
<p>50 Travel</p> <p>Codes 51 53</p> <p>Policy: 623-05-30-25</p> <p>Approval: Regional Supervisor & permanency plan</p>	<p>Code 51 – Travel for foster child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home visits/reunification or other visitation to maintain family connections. <p>Code 53 – Travel for foster parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To transport a foster child to school in which the child is enrolled at the time of placement. • Allowed for both County and Therapeutic Foster Care Providers. 	<p>Local transportation, transportation to and from sporting, entertainment or cultural events, and extracurricular activities is included in the standard monthly foster care maintenance rate.</p> <p>Transportation for the child’s attendance at court hearings, permanency planning, etc., is an administrative cost claimed on the SFN 119.</p> <p>The child’s transportation to a foster care placement or a pre-placement visit is administrative costs claimed on the SFN 119.</p> <p>Expenses for foster parents or case managers are administrative costs claimed on the SFN 119.</p>

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<p>60 Difficulty of Care/Excess Maintenance payment (EMP)</p> <p>Codes 61 62 63 64</p> <p>Policy: 624-05-10 623-05-30-30</p> <p>Approval: Regional Supervisor & permanency plan</p>	<p>EMP payments are made on a child specific, individualized basis. This category includes care and supervision of the foster child with special problems when undue demands are placed on the foster parent's physical, emotional, and/or material resources beyond what would be expected in normal foster parenting. Including an unusual amount of one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Time ○ Physical Work ○ Skill ○ Stress ○ Cost <p>Code 61 is a Level 1 EMP Level I \$1.67/day (estimated \$50/mo)</p> <p>Code 62 is a Level II EMP Level II \$3.33/day (estimated \$100/mo)</p> <p>Code 63 is a Level III EMP Level III \$5.00/day (estimated \$150/mo)</p> <p>Code 64 is a Level IV EMP Level IV (Over \$150/mo) + CFS Approval</p> <p>The payment system will only calculate the EMP per day, the range from \$50 to \$150 is based off a 30 day calculation. Approval for a level I, II, or III EMP can be approved through the Child & Family Team meeting process and Regional Supervisor. A copy of the approval must be maintained in the child file as well as the eligibility file for auditing purposes. Level IV requires CFS Foster Care Administrator approval.</p>	
<p>70 Minor Parent/Infant Care</p> <p>Codes 71</p> <p>Policy: 623-05-30-35</p>	<p>71 – Minor Parent/Infant Foster Care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This code will cover the maintenance costs for the dependent child living with the minor foster child at the age specific ND standard maintenance rate. <p>The intent of the irregular payment is to provide financial reimbursement to the foster child and/or foster parents in an effort to support the costs of caring for the dependent child.</p>	<p>If the minor parent and infant are later separated, the needs of the child can <u>no longer</u> be included in the minor parent's foster care payment.</p> <p>If the infant in the minor/infant situation has been adjudicated deprived, the cost of care is not included in the parent's foster care payment.</p> <p>The infant (deprived, with a custodian), must be opened as a separate foster care case.</p>

For further questions refer to Service Chapter 623-05 for complete policy.