

Children and Family Services Certified Shelter Care Program Referral & Financial Guide

This chart represents details specific to service delivery offered in certified shelter care program settings. Certified shelter care sites will choose to either provide services to a select population or all children including those who are identified as CHINS or CHIPS as well as

those who are alleged to have committed a delinquent offense. In addition, certified shelter care sites may also accept placements from a Human Service Center crisis service when a child is experiencing mental health concerns and the family is in need of services.

Certified Shelter Care Program Site	
Definition	Temporary care during which a child needs a safe bed outside of the home, in a certified shelter care site to engage in an early intervention to minimize crisis.
	A certified shelter care program is a nonsecure permanent dwelling run by an agency with employed staff covering placement needs 24-7.
Length/Duration	No greater than 7 days, unless otherwise approved by the department.
	If an additional 7 days is warranted, an extension request (SFN 1781) must be completed by the certified shelter care program staff and submitted to CFS at least three days prior to placement expiration. If approved, a child stay cannot exceed 14 calendar days in one episode. A child who remains in shelter for extension episodes cannot return to a certified shelter for 30 days.
Referral Source	 Human Service Zone Tribal Nation Division of Juvenile Services Human Service Center Crisis Services Law Enforcement
Financial	NDAC 75-03-14.1-03.
Agreements	The department shall establish the fee for service for shelter care programs = \$520/day
	The shelter care program shall enter a financial contract/agreement with referring agencies.
	Children who enter under law enforcement or attendant care, are managed separately.
Child Eligibility,	Eligible children must be between the ages of 10 thru 17.
Referral &	Human Service Zones ~ Prevention (CPS and In Home)
Financial	 To be used as diversion and early intervention for children when present or impending danger exist, and temporary safe care is required. Follow up shall be completed by assigned Zone staff (CPS worker or case manager). Billing Invoice: Human Service Zone
	Public Agency (Zone, DJS, Tribal Nation) ~ Foster Care • To be used when a child is awaiting pick up from a relative or is in between placements. Placement will be entered as "non-foster care" placement.
	 Follow up completed by custodial case manager. Billing Invoice: Human Service Zone, DJS or Tribe
	 Human Service Center ~ Crisis Services To be used in a crisis response, when appropriate, and it is agreed to place the child out of home. Follow up completed by the Human Service Center who will work with the custodian, parent or guardian. Billing Invoice: HHS Children and Family Services
	 CHINS To be used when a child is located by law enforcement for CHINS act. Follow up completed by a CHINS Regional specialist, custodian, parent or guardian Billing Invoice: Law Enforcement for the first calendar day, then Human Service Zone. Unless the child was referred directly by a Human Service Zone.
	Attendant Care • Attendant Care Program managed by the ND Association of Counties

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