

MCFD Foster Family Care Rates Effective April 1, 2019

Restricted/Regular Foster Family Care Rates

Age	Restricted/Regular Foster Family Care Monthly Rate	Per Diem
0-11	\$982.90	\$32.76
12-19	\$1,089.04	\$36.30

Relief/Respite Per Diem Rates Effective April 1, 2019		
	Age 11 & under	Age 12 - 19
Regular & Restricted homes	\$42.76	\$46.30
Level 1 homes	\$61.57	\$61.57
Level 2 homes	\$74.31	\$74.31
Level 3 homes	\$96.86	\$96.86

Restricted, Regular and Level 1 rate includes extra \$10.00/per diem.

The foster family care rate

Restricted and regular family care homes receive the foster family care rate appropriate to the age of the child. The foster family care rate covers the direct costs of caring for the child. This rate is intended, with limited exceptions, to cover the day-to-day costs incurred in caring for a child over an extended period of time. It is expected that in some months expenditures will be less than the foster family care rate, while in other months costs may be higher. The expectation is that the caregiver will manage payments and expenditures so that over an extended period of time, there will be neither a deficit nor a surplus.

Expected costs of caring for a child include:

- Food
- Transportation and mileage
- Recreation
- Equipment
- Babysitting, relief
- Education
- Household costs
- Personal needs
- Clothing
- Child's personal allowance
- Gifts, activities
- Other costs directly related to caring for a child

Service payment (see Resource Work Policies – Appendix C for details)

Specialized Level 1, 2 and 3 family care homes receive the foster family care rate for each child in the home plus a service payment appropriate to the level of the home and the child-specific or bed-specific agreement. The service payment should cover all the direct program costs of the caregiver in providing the Level 1, 2, or 3 service, including transportation, capital/leasing costs, equipment and insurance costs. For levels 2 and 3, the service payment also includes relief for up to three days. Exceptional payments are possible if it is clear that additional funds are required in order to comply with the comprehensive plan of care and to ensure the stability of the placement.