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To Whom It May Concern:

The basic family care rate (maintenance) is all inclusive and covers the day-to-day costs of caring for a child or youth in care. All foster parents with a Restricted, Regular, Level 1, 2, or 3 contract receive this rate.

Current maintenance rates are \$1,531.70/month for a child aged 11 and under, and \$1,711.50/month for a child aged 12-19. This amount covers maintenance of the child and includes, but is not limited to clothing, recreation, household costs, allowances, school fees, transportation, and personal needs.

In addition to the basic maintenance rate, Level 1, 2, and 3 homes receive a service payment (fee for service) which varies depending on the level of care provided. This amount, with the exception of 3 days of respite care, is for the use of the foster parent, in order to maintain the placement.

In an effort to provide clarification regarding what portion of the overall contract payment may be construed as income for the purpose of determining mortgage approval, following are the current Specialized Care Fee for Service Rates as set out by the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Level One Specialized Care Payment (per child) – up to six children in the home

One child any age \$591.90/month (daily respite: \$86.78)

Level Two Specialized Care Payment – up to three children in the home

One child \$1,473.74/month (daily respite: \$106.17)
Two children \$2,544.13/month (daily respite: \$106.17 each)
Three children \$3,480.06/month (daily respite: \$106.17 each)

Level Three Specialized Care Payment – Up to two children in the home

One child \$2,347.67/month (daily respite: \$135.31)
Two children \$4,023.08/month (daily respite: \$135.31 each)

If you have any questions regarding this information, please call the BC Foster Parents Association Provincial Office at 1-800-663-9999.

Yours truly,

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