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**5101:2-47-17 Title IV- E foster care maintenance (FCM) program reimbursability: Reimbursements for FCM and child care for public foster homes, relative homes, and pre-finalized adoptive homes.**

- (A) Uniform statewide standards for FCM minimum and maximum reimbursement amounts for public foster homes, relative homes licensed as foster homes and pre-finalized adoptive homes that continue to receive FCM reimbursements have been established by the Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS). These amounts shall be updated annually by the issuance of a "Family, Children and Adult Services Procedure Letter" and are the minimum and maximum amounts that can be authorized for FCM reimbursements for a child placed in the substitute care settings.
- (1) If there is a difference between the statewide maximum reimbursement amount and a higher Title IV-E agency payment amount, the Title IV-E agency shall supplement payments without benefit of federal financial participation (FFP) under Title IV-E.
  - (2) If there is a difference between the statewide minimum reimbursement amount and a lesser Title IV-E agency payment amount, the Title IV-E agency shall not claim FCM funds to support the placement of the child.
- (B) FCM reimbursements for employment-related child care and child care when the foster parent is required to participate, without the child, in activities associated with parenting a child in foster care that are beyond the scope of ordinary parental duties may be authorized for a FCM reimbursable child placed in a foster home, relative home licensed as a foster home or pre-finalized adoptive home provided that the child care provider is licensed or certified.
- (1) The maximum child care reimbursement to the Title IV-E agency shall not exceed the amounts referenced in rule 5101:2-16-41 of the Administrative Code.
  - (2) The definitions for the age categories are contained in rule 5101:2-16-01 of the Administrative Code. Reimbursements for child care, as described in this rule, may be authorized for a foster child between the ages of thirteen and eighteen who qualifies for a difficulty of care payment referenced in rule 5101:2-47-18 of the Administrative Code.
  - (3) Child care, as described in this rule, shall be claimed for reimbursement through the statewide automated child welfare information system (SACWIS).
- (C) "Relative homes" and "pre-finalized adoptive homes" as used in this rule mean a licensed/certified/approved foster home.