

FOSTER FAMILY CARE AND INDEPENDENT LIVING - EFFECTIVE 10/1/2024

The following are the approved maintenance payment rates for youth placed in foster family care or independent living; these rates cannot be negotiated:

DAILY RATES PAID BIWEEKLY

Age Group	Room & Board	Personal Incidentals & Allowance	Clothing	Daily Total	Biweekly Total	Semiannual Clothing
00-12	\$16.96	\$3.68	\$1.71	\$22.35	\$312.90	\$157
13-18	\$20.19	\$4.59	\$1.91	\$26.69	\$373.66	\$172

Effective on the child's 13th birthday, the maintenance rate is automatically increased.

INDEPENDENT LIVING (IL)

Age Group	Room & Board	Personal Incidentals & Allowance	Clothing	Daily Total	Biweekly Total	Semiannual Clothing
IL	None	None	None	\$27.56	\$385.84	None

The \$27.56 daily total for independent living includes the semiannual clothing allowance.

DETERMINATION OF CARE (DOC) SUPPLEMENTS - EFFECTIVE 10/1/2001

Age or Special Need	Use Form	Level I	Level II	Level III
AGE 0-12	DHS-470	\$5	\$10	\$15
AGE 13-18	DHS-470A	\$6	\$11	\$16
Medically Fragile	DHS-1945	\$8	\$13	\$18

See [FOM 903-03, Payment for Foster Family/Relative Care](#)

To ensure adequate support to children, foster parents, and relative caregivers a DOC rate can be provided **in addition to the daily foster care maintenance rates**. DOC rates are based on the needs of the child versus the foster parent/relative caregiver activities. A DOC level IV is a negotiated rate up to \$150 per day.

INITIAL CLOTHING ALLOWANCE - EFFECTIVE 10/1/2001

Maximum allowable initial clothing supplements for children first entering department foster care have been established as follows:

This initial clothing allowance is a supplement only, based upon determined need, and is not an automatic allowance provided to every child entering care. More information regarding policy requirements can be found in [FOM 903-09, Case Service Payments](#).

Age Group	Maximum Initial Clothing Allowance
00-05	\$210
06-12	\$310
13-18	\$500

HOLIDAY ALLOWANCE

Each foster child in state paid placement on November 30 of each year is eligible to receive a holiday allowance. This is a personal incidental for the child. This allowance will automatically be paid to the placement provider on the first payroll following Dec. 1 each year. More information regarding policy requirements can be found in [FOM 903-09, Case Service Payments](#).

Holiday allowance rates have changed to align with state and federal rates. This chart shows the historical rates for older payments and case reviews.

Effective Date	End Date	Rate
10/01/2001	09/30/2024	\$25
10/01/2024	Current	\$75