

Bulletin

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Minnesota Department of Human Services ■ P.O. Box 64940 ■ St. Paul, MN 55164-0940

OF INTEREST TO

- County & Tribal Directors
- Social Service Supervisors and Staff
- Fiscal Supervisors
- Child Placing Agencies

ACTION/DUE DATE

Update county's database for the new foster care maintenance, DOC rates and clothing allowances per the attached charts.

EXPIRATION DATE

The policies in this bulletin are effective for calendar year 2009 only.

Foster Care Maintenance and DOC Rates for CY 2009

TOPIC

Foster care maintenance and difficulty of care (DOC) rate charts by age category for calendar year 2009 effective January 1, 2009.

PURPOSE

Provide county and tribal human service agencies and private agencies the 2009 foster care rates to be paid for out-of-home placements.

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BACKGROUND

Minnesota Rules, part 9560.0650, subpart 1 and part 9560.0655, subpart 3, require that the Department of Human Services review and revise the foster care maintenance standards and difficulty of care rates annually. Minnesota Rules require using the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimates of the cost of raising a child in determining the annual child foster care rates.

LEGAL REFERENCES

Minnesota Statutes, section 256.82, subdivision 3

Minnesota Rules, part 9560.0650, subpart 1

Minnesota Rules, part 9560.0655, subpart 3

Minnesota Rules, parts 9560.0651 to 9560.0656

ACTION REQUIRED

- **Daily Basic Maintenance Foster Care Rates**

The daily basic maintenance rates to be paid to child foster care providers for service dates beginning January 1 through December 31, 2009 are as follows:

Ages 0 through 11	\$ 20.57
Ages 12 through 14	\$ 23.75
Ages 15 through 18	\$ 24.48

- **Initial Clothing Allowance Rates**

Below are the initial clothing allowance rates effective January 1, 2009. To be eligible for Title IV-E reimbursement, this allowance must be used within 60 days of the child's initial placement in foster care.

Ages 0 through 11	\$ 415
Ages 12 through 14	\$ 701
Ages 15 through 18	\$ 793

- **Difficulty of Care (DOC)**

Minnesota Rules, part 9560.0656, provides criteria for assessing the DOC and payment rates for children in foster care. The DOC assessment tool required in Minnesota Rule, part 9560.0654 is to be used to calculate the rate. Each DOC point is to be calculated at the daily rate of **22 cents**. The tables in Attachment A show combined foster care maintenance and the difficulty of care daily rate schedules for each age category.

The department recommends the social worker complete an assessment to determine the initial DOC daily rate within 30 days of the child's placement in foster care. Thereafter, the DOC daily rate must be reassessed:

- 1) at the end of 12 months in the same placement;
- 2) at the request of a foster parent;
- 3) when a child is placed in a different facility; or
- 4) if a child's level of need changes.

Minnesota Rules, parts 9560.0665, subparts 4 and 5 require the county to give a child's foster care provider a written notice of the initial DOC assessment and reassessment. This notice includes:

- 1) statement of DOC rating and dollar value
- 2) method of assessment
- 3) statement of legal authority for the rating
- 4) statement of the circumstances under which the agency must reassess the child
- 5) procedure to seek reassessment
- 6) notice that the foster provider has the right to a fair hearing review of the assessment by the department
- 7) In addition, reassessments need to include the prior DOC rating, new DOC rating, effective date of rating and a notice that a foster parent who requests a review of the DOC rating within 10 days, may continue at the current rate pending the hearing, but the agency may recover any overpayment.

DOC costs cannot be claimed retroactively earlier than the first day of the month in which the assessment was completed. This statement pertains to the county agency's ability to claim federal reimbursement for these costs; however, foster parents may still receive the adjusted payment retroactively.

DOC assessments must be completed for all children placed in foster family settings, foster residence settings and treatment foster care settings licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 2960.3000 to 2960.3340. The DOC rate is considered part of the maintenance rate and is Title IV-E reimbursable for eligible children.

SPECIAL NEEDS

This information is available in other forms to persons with disabilities by calling (651) 431-3777, or through the Minnesota Relay Service at 1 (800) 627-3529 (TDD), 7-1-1 or 1 (877) 627-3848 (speech-to-speech relay service).

Attachment.

# DOC Points	DOC and Basic Per diem	# DOC Points	DOC and Basic Per diem	# DOC Points	DOC and Basic Per diem	# DOC Points	DOC and Basic Per diem	# DOC Points	DOC and Basic Per diem
0	\$20.57								
1	\$20.79	46	\$30.69	91	\$40.59	136	\$50.49	181	\$60.39
2	\$21.01	47	\$30.91	92	\$40.81	137	\$50.71	182	\$60.61
3	\$21.23	48	\$31.13	93	\$41.03	138	\$50.93	183	\$60.83
4	\$21.45	49	\$31.35	94	\$41.25	139	\$51.15	184	\$61.05
5	\$21.67	50	\$31.57	95	\$41.47	140	\$51.37	185	\$61.27
6	\$21.89	51	\$31.79	96	\$41.69	141	\$51.59	186	\$61.49
7	\$22.11	52	\$32.01	97	\$41.91	142	\$51.81	187	\$61.71
8	\$22.33	53	\$32.23	98	\$42.13	143	\$52.03	188	\$61.93
9	\$22.55	54	\$32.45	99	\$42.35	144	\$52.25	189	\$62.15
10	\$22.77	55	\$32.67	100	\$42.57	145	\$52.47	190	\$62.37
11	\$22.99	56	\$32.89	101	\$42.79	146	\$52.69	191	\$62.59
12	\$23.21	57	\$33.11	102	\$43.01	147	\$52.91	192	\$62.81
13	\$23.43	58	\$33.33	103	\$43.23	148	\$53.13	193	\$63.03
14	\$23.65	59	\$33.55	104	\$43.45	149	\$53.35	194	\$63.25
15	\$23.87	60	\$33.77	105	\$43.67	150	\$53.57	195	\$63.47
16	\$24.09	61	\$33.99	106	\$43.89	151	\$53.79	196	\$63.69
17	\$24.31	62	\$34.21	107	\$44.11	152	\$54.01	197	\$63.91
18	\$24.53	63	\$34.43	108	\$44.33	153	\$54.23	198	\$64.13
19	\$24.75	64	\$34.65	109	\$44.55	154	\$54.45	199	\$64.35
20	\$24.97	65	\$34.87	110	\$44.77	155	\$54.67	200	\$64.57
21	\$25.19	66	\$35.09	111	\$44.99	156	\$54.89	201	\$64.79
22	\$25.41	67	\$35.31	112	\$45.21	157	\$55.11	202	\$65.01
23	\$25.63	68	\$35.53	113	\$45.43	158	\$55.33	203	\$65.23
24	\$25.85	69	\$35.75	114	\$45.65	159	\$55.55	204	\$65.45
25	\$26.07	70	\$35.97	115	\$45.87	160	\$55.77	205	\$65.67
26	\$26.29	71	\$36.19	116	\$46.09	161	\$55.99	206	\$65.89
27	\$26.51	72	\$36.41	117	\$46.31	162	\$56.21	207	\$66.11
28	\$26.73	73	\$36.63	118	\$46.53	163	\$56.43	208	\$66.33
29	\$26.95	74	\$36.85	119	\$46.75	164	\$56.65	209	\$66.55
30	\$27.17	75	\$37.07	120	\$46.97	165	\$56.87	210	\$66.77
31	\$27.39	76	\$37.29	121	\$47.19	166	\$57.09	211	\$66.99
32	\$27.61	77	\$37.51	122	\$47.41	167	\$57.31	212	\$67.21
33	\$27.83	78	\$37.73	123	\$47.63	168	\$57.53	213	\$67.43
34	\$28.05	79	\$37.95	124	\$47.85	169	\$57.75	214	\$67.65
35	\$28.27	80	\$38.17	125	\$48.07	170	\$57.97	215	\$67.87
36	\$28.49	81	\$38.39	126	\$48.29	171	\$58.19	216	\$68.09
37	\$28.71	82	\$38.61	127	\$48.51	172	\$58.41	217	\$68.31
38	\$28.93	83	\$38.83	128	\$48.73	173	\$58.63	218	\$68.53
39	\$29.15	84	\$39.05	129	\$48.95	174	\$58.85	219	\$68.75
40	\$29.37	85	\$39.27	130	\$49.17	175	\$59.07	220	\$68.97
41	\$29.59	86	\$39.49	131	\$49.39	176	\$59.29	221	\$69.19
42	\$29.81	87	\$39.71	132	\$49.61	177	\$59.51	222	\$69.41
43	\$30.03	88	\$39.93	133	\$49.83	178	\$59.73	223	\$69.63
44	\$30.25	89	\$40.15	134	\$50.05	179	\$59.95	224	\$69.85
45	\$30.47	90	\$40.37	135	\$50.27	180	\$60.17	225	\$70.07

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2	\$24.19	47	\$34.09	92	\$43.99	137	\$53.89	182	\$63.79
3	\$24.41	48	\$34.31	93	\$44.21	138	\$54.11	183	\$64.01
4	\$24.63	49	\$34.53	94	\$44.43	139	\$54.33	184	\$64.23
5	\$24.85	50	\$34.75	95	\$44.65	140	\$54.55	185	\$64.45
6	\$25.07	51	\$34.97	96	\$44.87	141	\$54.77	186	\$64.67
7	\$25.29	52	\$35.19	97	\$45.09	142	\$54.99	187	\$64.89
8	\$25.51	53	\$35.41	98	\$45.31	143	\$55.21	188	\$65.11
9	\$25.73	54	\$35.63	99	\$45.53	144	\$55.43	189	\$65.33
10	\$25.95	55	\$35.85	100	\$45.75	145	\$55.65	190	\$65.55
11	\$26.17	56	\$36.07	101	\$45.97	146	\$55.87	191	\$65.77
12	\$26.39	57	\$36.29	102	\$46.19	147	\$56.09	192	\$65.99
13	\$26.61	58	\$36.51	103	\$46.41	148	\$56.31	193	\$66.21
14	\$26.83	59	\$36.73	104	\$46.63	149	\$56.53	194	\$66.43
15	\$27.05	60	\$36.95	105	\$46.85	150	\$56.75	195	\$66.65
16	\$27.27	61	\$37.17	106	\$47.07	151	\$56.97	196	\$66.87
17	\$27.49	62	\$37.39	107	\$47.29	152	\$57.19	197	\$67.09
18	\$27.71	63	\$37.61	108	\$47.51	153	\$57.41	198	\$67.31
19	\$27.93	64	\$37.83	109	\$47.73	154	\$57.63	199	\$67.53
20	\$28.15	65	\$38.05	110	\$47.95	155	\$57.85	200	\$67.75
21	\$28.37	66	\$38.27	111	\$48.17	156	\$58.07	201	\$67.97
22	\$28.59	67	\$38.49	112	\$48.39	157	\$58.29	202	\$68.19
23	\$28.81	68	\$38.71	113	\$48.61	158	\$58.51	203	\$68.41
24	\$29.03	69	\$38.93	114	\$48.83	159	\$58.73	204	\$68.63
25	\$29.25	70	\$39.15	115	\$49.05	160	\$58.95	205	\$68.85
26	\$29.47	71	\$39.37	116	\$49.27	161	\$59.17	206	\$69.07
27	\$29.69	72	\$39.59	117	\$49.49	162	\$59.39	207	\$69.29
28	\$29.91	73	\$39.81	118	\$49.71	163	\$59.61	208	\$69.51
29	\$30.13	74	\$40.03	119	\$49.93	164	\$59.83	209	\$69.73
30	\$30.35	75	\$40.25	120	\$50.15	165	\$60.05	210	\$69.95
31	\$30.57	76	\$40.47	121	\$50.37	166	\$60.27	211	\$70.17
32	\$30.79	77	\$40.69	122	\$50.59	167	\$60.49	212	\$70.39
33	\$31.01	78	\$40.91	123	\$50.81	168	\$60.71	213	\$70.61
34	\$31.23	79	\$41.13	124	\$51.03	169	\$60.93	214	\$70.83
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41	\$32.77	86	\$42.67	131	\$52.57	176	\$62.47	221	\$72.37
42	\$32.99	87	\$42.89	132	\$52.79	177	\$62.69	222	\$72.59
43	\$33.21	88	\$43.11	133	\$53.01	178	\$62.91	223	\$72.81
44	\$33.43	89	\$43.33	134	\$53.23	179	\$63.13	224	\$73.03
45	\$33.65	90	\$43.55	135	\$53.45	180	\$63.35	225	\$73.25

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2	\$24.92	47	\$34.82	92	\$44.72	137	\$54.62	182	\$64.52
3	\$25.14	48	\$35.04	93	\$44.94	138	\$54.84	183	\$64.74
4	\$25.36	49	\$35.26	94	\$45.16	139	\$55.06	184	\$64.96
5	\$25.58	50	\$35.48	95	\$45.38	140	\$55.28	185	\$65.18
6	\$25.80	51	\$35.70	96	\$45.60	141	\$55.50	186	\$65.40
7	\$26.02	52	\$35.92	97	\$45.82	142	\$55.72	187	\$65.62
8	\$26.24	53	\$36.14	98	\$46.04	143	\$55.94	188	\$65.84
9	\$26.46	54	\$36.36	99	\$46.26	144	\$56.16	189	\$66.06
10	\$26.68	55	\$36.58	100	\$46.48	145	\$56.38	190	\$66.28
11	\$26.90	56	\$36.80	101	\$46.70	146	\$56.60	191	\$66.50
12	\$27.12	57	\$37.02	102	\$46.92	147	\$56.82	192	\$66.72
13	\$27.34	58	\$37.24	103	\$47.14	148	\$57.04	193	\$66.94
14	\$27.56	59	\$37.46	104	\$47.36	149	\$57.26	194	\$67.16
15	\$27.78	60	\$37.68	105	\$47.58	150	\$57.48	195	\$67.38
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19	\$28.66	64	\$38.56	109	\$48.46	154	\$58.36	199	\$68.26
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21	\$29.10	66	\$39.00	111	\$48.90	156	\$58.80	201	\$68.70
22	\$29.32	67	\$39.22	112	\$49.12	157	\$59.02	202	\$68.92
23	\$29.54	68	\$39.44	113	\$49.34	158	\$59.24	203	\$69.14
24	\$29.76	69	\$39.66	114	\$49.56	159	\$59.46	204	\$69.36
25	\$29.98	70	\$39.88	115	\$49.78	160	\$59.68	205	\$69.58
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33	\$31.74	78	\$41.64	123	\$51.54	168	\$61.44	213	\$71.34
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35	\$32.18	80	\$42.08	125	\$51.98	170	\$61.88	215	\$71.78
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39	\$33.06	84	\$42.96	129	\$52.86	174	\$62.76	219	\$72.66
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43	\$33.94	88	\$43.84	133	\$53.74	178	\$63.64	223	\$73.54
44	\$34.16	89	\$44.06	134	\$53.96	179	\$63.86	224	\$73.76
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