

Placement - Northstar or Legacy?

With the release of the Northstar Care for Children functionality in SSIS, one of the new features is that Placements are classified as Northstar, Legacy or neither. This information sheet explains the main ideas of how this classification works and what each one means.

Classification	Applies To	Rate determination
Northstar	Qualifying placements (Foster care BRASS codes 180, 181 and 188) (e.g. Family type settings and corporate licensed (shift-staff) foster homes)	Use MAPCY
Legacy	Qualifying placements (Foster care BRASS codes 180, 181 and 188) (e.g. Family type settings and corporate licensed (shift-staff) foster homes)	Use DOC
Neither (no label)	Absences, Locations and Non-qualifying placements (e.g. Group facilities)	Use other rate setting processes (e.g. per diem rate)

Concept statement

SSIS calculates Legacy or Northstar based on the following:

1. Any young person who is in a new continuous placement (new removal) that starts on or after 1/1/15 will be served under Northstar Foster Care when, or if, they are placed into a qualifying placement.
2. Any young person who was in a qualifying placement prior to 1/1/15 is eligible to be served under Legacy Foster Care.

If the young person was in any qualifying placement other than EFC-SIL prior to 1/1/15, the young person remains eligible for Legacy Foster Care until the young person:

- moves to a qualifying placement that is:
 - different than the qualifying placement they were in on 1/1/15 or
 - if they were not in a qualifying placement on 1/1/15, different than the qualifying placement immediately prior to 1/1/15
- is removed from the specific qualifying placement (on, or immediately prior to, 1/1/15) for more than a year,
- has a trial home visit, or
- is discharged from continuous placement

If any of those events occur, any new qualifying placement for the young person will be under Northstar Foster Care.

If a youth ages 18 until 21 is, or was, in an EFC-SIL placement immediately prior to 1/1/15, the youth remains eligible for Legacy Foster Care until the youth:

- is removed from an EFC-SIL setting for more than a year,
- has the EFC-SIL placement end and the local agency starts a new qualifying placement that is not EFC-SIL on or after 1/1/15,
- has a trial home visit (not standard policy or likely for EFC, but possible), or
- is discharged from continuous placement.

If any of those events occur, any new qualifying placement for the youth will be under Northstar Foster Care.

3. Any young person who is not in a qualifying placement is not considered to be served under Northstar related services at that time.

Qualifying Placement

SSIS determines a placement is a qualifying placement based on the combination of the Placement Setting, Placement Reason and Courtesy Supervision values entered for a placement. If both setting and reason values on a placement are qualifying based on the grids below (highlighted), and the Courtesy Supervision question is either “No” or not answered, it is considered a foster care setting that qualifies for Northstar Foster Care services. Otherwise, if either the setting or reason is not qualifying, or if Courtesy Supervision is “Yes”, then the placement is not a qualifying placement for Northstar Foster Care purposes.

Placement Setting

Code	Description	Qualifying
01	Pre-adoptive home – relative	Y
02	Pre-adoptive home - non-relative	Y
03	Foster family home – relative	Y
04	Foster family home - non-relative	Y
05	Group home	N
06	Residential treatment center	N
07	Supervised independent living	Y
09	Foster home - corporate/shift staff	Y
10	Juvenile correctional facility (non-secure, 12 or fewer children)	N
11	Juvenile correctional facility (non-secure, 13 or more children)	N
12	Juvenile correctional facility (locked)	N
13	Child's reunification home	N
14	Hospital	N
15	Camp	N
16	ICF-DD	N
19	Unauthorized absence	N
20	Non-custodial parent's home	N
21	Pre-kinship – relative	Y

Placement Reason

Code	Description	Qualifying
01	Adoption	Y
02	Aftercare	Y
03	Behavioral consequences - less than 30 days	N
04	Child with parent	N
05	Consequences - 30 days or more	Y
06	Corrections	Y
07	Detention	Y
08	Education	Y
09	Employability	Y
10	Evaluation	Y
11	Medical	Y
12	Pre-placement visit	N
14	Respite	N
15	Safety/stability	Y
16	Shelter	Y
17	Treatment	Y
24	Treatment for CD	Y
25	Treatment for SED	Y