

## REIMBURSEMENT:

The foster care per diem rate structure is designed to give foster parents flexibility to decide how to spend money for the children placed in their homes.

	Basic	Advanced	Degreed
<b>Child specific</b>	\$11.51	N/A	N/A
<b>Regular foster care Birth – 11</b>	\$24.10	\$26.40	N/A
<b>Regular foster care Age 12 +</b>	\$26.20	\$28.50	N/A
<b>Care Plus Home/Child</b>	\$42.40	\$47.70	N/A
<b>Medically Complex</b>	\$42.40	\$47.70(2yrs exp)	\$50.90(RN,MD)

\*You should be provided with a signed copy of the 111a Foster Home Contract Supplement with each placement.

The above foster care per diem/rates include the costs of:

Housing	Utilities (electricity, phone, etc)
Food related expenses	School supplies/fees/activities
Transportation (non-medical)	Recreational/Sport/Social activities
Routine babysitting	Clothing
Respite	Incidentals
Hair care	Personal allowances

Some the activities included in the above listing are: ballgames, clubs, participation in dance teams, cheerleading, band, karate, gymnastics, church activities, camp, school pictures, etc.

### Monthly Allowances

#### Age of Child at:

<u>End of Month</u>	<u>Monthly Clothing</u>	<u>Monthly Personal Allowance</u>	<u>Monthly Incidentals</u>
0-2	\$25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6.00
3-4	\$30.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 5.00
5-11	\$35.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 5.00
12 & Over	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$10.00

Monthly allowances are included in the per diem. The chart shows the minimum to be spent on a monthly basis and you should hold onto your receipts. Incidentals include items such as: first aid supplies, baby oil/powder, deodorants, personal hygiene items toiletries, diaper rash ointment - basically regular medicine cabinet items. However, foster parents are expected to provide routine hygiene products for foster children, even if all the monthly incidentals have been spent.

**In addition to your foster care per diem you may also receive:**

**Initial Clothing Allowance:**

Child's Age	Amount
Birth to 1 year	\$100.00
1 through 2 years	\$120.00
3 through 4 years	\$130.00
5 through 11 years	\$180.00
12 years and older	\$290.00

**Christmas - \$60.00**

**Birthday - \$25.00**

**Annual Supplemental School Clothing Allowance**

3 years through 10 years	\$ 50.00
11 years or older	\$100.00

Child must have been in care for 30 days and exhausted the entire initial clothing allowance and be enrolled in regular pre-school, kindergarten, school.

**Special Clothing Expenditure** – Pregnancy, birth of child, sudden and unexpected significant weight gain/loss, etc. – with justification and verification all allowances have been used may be requested. Must be approved prior to reimbursement.

**Lifebook items** - \$70.00 for start-up costs for initial six(6) month placement period after removal. \$25.00 every six(6) months for maintenance of lifebook. You might need to check what has already been spent in previous placements. Items reimbursed are child specific. Items such as printer ink are not reimbursable.

**Senior Expenses** – \$650.00 - graduation package, cap & gown, senior pictures, class ring, prom, yearbook, class trip, etc,. Can also use annual school clothing allowance if not used.

**Recruitment Bonus**

#s 1 and 2	\$100.00
#s 3 and 4	\$150.00
#s 5 and 6	\$200.00
7 or more	\$250.00

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**Respite** - Basic and Advanced placements have respite included in the per diem. Medically Complex or Care Plus placements (2 days) or Specialized Medically Complex (3 days) – additional respite is reimbursed.

**Day Care** – Working foster home or higher education (one parent home works or two parent home both work). Childcare is paid based on regulation and rate schedule for licensed or certified facilities or for private providers. Payments are made directly to the childcare provider. Justification and approvals needed. Any exceptions need special approval.

**Training Expenses:** Mileage, babysitting, meals, hotel – any fees associated with mandatory trainings are reimbursable with approval through your R&C worker.

**Transportation:** Routine transportation is included in the per diem. Mileage for family visitation, court hearing, case conferences that exceed the monthly mileage included can be reimbursed at the current mileage rate. <https://finance.ky.gov/office-of-the-controller/office-of-statewide-accounting-services/Documents/MileageRate.pdf>

**NEMT – Non-Emergency Medical Transportation:** The application and information are included. This program reimburses for mileage associated with medical appointments. Make sure all 5 documents and application are submitted. Make sure all documents are legible.

**Medications or medical treatment** – All children in foster care have medical coverage. There are no co-pays or deductibles for foster children. Prior authorizations may be needed by the physician for coverage. Please check before paying for medications. Only those **denied** by the medical card, confirmed treatment not covered by card may be reimbursed.

**Tuition Waiver:** Youth that extend commitment beyond 18, leave foster care at 18 or are adopted may be eligible for a tuition waiver for a Kentucky State college

### **Driver's License & Insurance**

For youth age 16 through 18 may request reimbursement for state ID, learner's permit or license. As funds allow, cost of increase to insurance for age 16 up to 19 may be reimbursed.

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**Youth Development Funds** – there are funds for extracurricular activities that exceed what is in the per diem, computer for post-secondary school, driver education expense, transportation for vehicle purchase, repairs, employment for work related clothing or supplies, GED or tutoring, education expense, dual credit courses, genetic testing, storage/moving expenses, college prep (ACT/SAT), application fees, orientation, etc. These expenses are submitted through the Independent Living Coordinator.

**Foster Parent Billing Invoice:** Must be submitted monthly when you have placement. Invoices should be submitted by the 5<sup>th</sup> of every month. Submit required receipts for special expenses along with your invoice.

Sending via email is best.

Direct deposit or request for Key Bank debit card should be set up before first reimbursement is issued.

Please notify of any address changes or direct deposit changes immediately.

Any questions regarding Reimbursement should be directed to your billing specialist. Any special requests need to be pre-approved through the billing department in addition to the SSW. Policy changes often so if there are any questions please do not hesitate to ask.