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REFERENCES: ORS Chapter 418
 SOSCF Policy I-G.3.1, Adoption Assistance
 SOSCF Policy I-E.3.6.2, Guardianship Assistance
 SOSCF Policy I-E.4.3, Residential Care and Treatment

PURPOSE

413-090-0000 These rules govern the payment for maintenance and treatment services for all the State Office for Services to Children and Families substitute care placements with certified/licensed providers of care that are funded by the agency.

Statutory Authority: ORS 418.005
Stats. Implemented: ORS 418.005

DEFINITIONS

413-090-0005 “Adoption Assistance” means financial and/or medical assistance to adoptive families to assist them with costs associated with their adoptive child’s needs. Financial benefits are funded by SOSCF’s Adoption Assistance budget. Assistance can be in the form of cash and/or medical coverage, an Agreement Only, or special payments.

Statutory Authority: ORS 418.005
Statutes Implemented: ORS 418.005

PAYMENTS - GENERAL GUIDELINES

413-090-0010 (1) Family Foster Care

(a) Payment by SOSCF to foster parents for a child's room, food, clothing, incidentals and cash allowance (known as the regular foster care rate) will be made on a monthly basis, or prorated for portions of a month, after the period during which care has been provided. It will include the day the child enters the home, but exclude the day the child leaves the home. Costs of special care or service in accordance with a written SOSCF service plan may also be provided if essential for the child's well being and if specifically authorized by SOSCF. See the Special Rate Policy, I-E.5.1.2;

(b) Regular foster care rates are based upon the age of the child and established by the State Office for Services to Children and Families subject to the availability of funds and are uniformly applied throughout the state. The current rates are available at each SOSCF office upon request;

(c) SOSCF payments to foster parents certified by the agency shall be inalienable by any assignment or transfer and exempt from execution, levy, attachment, garnishment and other legal process under the laws of this state.

(2) Residential Treatment. Payment by SOSCF to purchase of care providers will be made as stipulated in signed contracts.

(3) Payments Prohibited:

(a) Payment will not be made for two simultaneous 24 hour out-of-home care services, such as foster care, relative care, family group homes, or residential treatment at the same time;

(b) Neither payment nor utilization credit will be given for duplicate simultaneous contracted treatment services, such as day treatment and residential treatment;

(c) Payment by SOSCF will not be authorized for the care of children in a home or facility supported by public funds and maintained only as a secure facility under the jurisdiction of a juvenile court;

(d) Any exceptions to these rules must be approved in writing by the director, or if for a Target Planning Child, by the Target Planning and Consultation Committee. Exceptions will be considered only when federal funds will not be claimed.

Statutory Authority: ORS 418.005
Stats. Implemented: ORS 418.470

PAYMENT FOR TEMPORARY ABSENCES

413-090-0030 (1) Family Foster Care:

(a) Continued payment may be made to the provider during a child's temporary absence when:

(A) The plan is for the child to return to the care of the same provider; and

(B) No other provider is receiving a maintenance payment for the child during the period of the absence.

(b) Payment may be authorized by the case worker for up to seven days after a child is temporarily absent from the foster home for a home visit, vacation or special activity or when the child is on runaway;

(c) Authorization for payment after a child is absent for more than seven days must be approved by the branch manager;

(d) Hospitalization. The provider will continue to receive payment when 24-hour medical care is required for a short period of time and the provider continues to exercise child caring responsibilities in anticipation of the child's return. (Hospitalization for medical treatment is not considered a substitute care placement with a duplicate maintenance or board and room payment.)

(2) Residential Treatment:

(a) Payments or utilization credit may be made to contracted providers for days children are on home visits or planned visits to another provider in the following circumstances:

(A) The visit is part of planned activities identified in the child's BRS service plan. Workers will be aware of the inclusion of planned visits in the service plan due to their involvement in the service planning process as outlined in SOSCF Policy I-E.4.3, Residential Services;

(B) The assigned SOSCF staff is informed prior to the visit taking place. It

is the responsibility of providers to inform workers of scheduled visits.

(C) The visit lasts no more than 4 consecutive days;

(D) The child has no more than 8 total visit days per month.

(b) Children may be allowed more visit days than the 4 consecutive days or 8 total days per month. However, payment or utilization credit will not be given for such visit days, and SOSCF workers cannot authorize such payments or utilization credit under any circumstances;

(c) Payment or utilization credit will not be made for days children are on runaway, days prior to when the child physically enters a provider's facility or therapeutic foster home, and days after the child physically leaves a provider's facility or therapeutic foster home as discharged. SOSCF workers cannot authorize such payments or utilization credit;

(d) Hospitalization. The provider will continue to receive payment when 24-hour medical care is required for a short period of time and the provider continues to exercise child caring responsibilities in anticipation of the child's return. (Hospitalization for medical treatment is not considered a substitute care placement with a duplicate maintenance of board and room payment.)

(e) Planned Visits to Another Provider. It is the responsibility of the purchase-of-care provider to reimburse the visiting resource at a reasonable rate agreed upon by both parties. SOSCF may not make maintenance payment to two providers at the same time.

(f) A purchase of service client invoice must be completed in accordance with SOSCF billing procedures.

Statutory Authority: ORS 418.005

Stats Implemented: ORS 418.005

PAYMENTS DURING ADOPTIVE SUPERVISION

413-090-0040 (1) A foster care payment shall not be authorized when a child is free for adoption and placed in a home designated by the adoption manager as the child's adoptive placement. See administrative rules 413-130-0000 through 413-130-0130 for the eligibility requirements of the Adoption Assistance Program.

(2) SOSCF will not make foster care payments to foster parents who plan to

adopt the child when a child's status changes from foster care to adoptive placement or from a legal risk adoptive placement to an official adoptive placement. A reasonable period of time shall be allowed to determine adoption assistance eligibility. If an application for adoption assistance is in process, foster care payments may continue to be paid for a period of up to 120 days or until adoption assistance is in place, whichever occurs first.

Statutory Authority: ORS 418.005

Stats. Implemented: ORS 418.005

FAMILY FOSTER CARE OUT-OF-STATE PAYMENT RATES

413-090-0050 (1) Oregon foster families who move out-of-state with a foster child placed by the State Office for Services to Children and Families will continue to receive SOSCF's foster care payment rate for a period of up to 120 days or until adoption assistance is in place, whichever occurs first.

(2) Out-of-state foster homes, licensed or certified (provisional or regular) by the responsible agency in the other state for placement of Oregon children, will be paid at the other state's rate.

Statutory Authority: ORS 418.005

Stats. Implemented: ORS 418.005