



Child Welfare Services (CWS) Rates Schedule



Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) Foster Care Reimbursement Rates.

The foster care contract authorizes payment to offset the cost of each child's care. Foster care payments correspond to the child's age and are provided to address the costs of room, board, clothing, and incidentals per Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) 340:75-7-52 and 340:75-13-45.

Rates as of 7-1-2018

Prior Rates

Child's age	Daily rate	Monthly rate
Birth through 5 years	\$17.72	\$531.60
6 through 12 years	\$20.42	\$612.60
13 years and older	\$22.62	\$678.60

Kinship Start-Up Stipend as of 8-1-08 per OAC 340:75-7-24

Kinship families, who were not an approved foster care home within the five years preceding the application date, are entitled to receive a one-time kinship start up stipend to assist with initial expenditures for each child placed in the home for 14 consecutive days.

The kinship start-up stipend is the equivalent to a month's reimbursement for the age of the child being placed.

Child's age	Stipend
Birth through 5 years	\$506.40
6 through 12 years	\$583.50
13 years and older	\$646.20

Training Stipend Per OAC 340:75-7-24

Kinship families are entitled to receive an initial training stipend when enrolled in pre-service training and a final training stipend when pre-service training is completed.

- Initial training stipend \$375
- Final training stipend \$375

Guardianship Assistance Rates for Title IV-E Subsidized and State-Funded Benefits

The guardianship agreement authorizes the subsidy and benefit to offset the costs of the child's care based on the child's age per OAC 340:75-6-31.4. Guardianship subsidy amounts are negotiated up to 100 percent of the rates noted below.

Child's age	Daily rate	Monthly rate
Birth through 5 years	\$12.17	\$365.00
6 through 12 years	\$14.33	\$430.00
13 years and older	\$16.61	\$498.33

Difficulty of Care (DOC) Rate and Payments

DOC payments may be made in addition to foster care reimbursement per OAC 340:75-7-52 or adoption assistance payments per OAC 340:75-15-128.1.

DOC rate for foster care	Daily rate	Monthly rate
Level I	\$ 1.67	\$50.00
Level II	\$3.33	\$100.00
Level III	\$5.00	\$150.00
Level IV	\$7.50	\$225.00
Level V	\$13.33	\$400.00

DOC payment for adoption assistance	Monthly Payment
Level I	\$0 - \$ 50.00
Level II	\$0 - \$100.00
Level III	\$0 - \$150.00
Level IV	\$0 - \$225.00
Level V	\$0 - \$400.00

DOC Level I

Rate for foster care: \$1.67 per day or \$50 per month.

Payment for adoption assistance: \$0 - \$50 per month.

A child approved for DOC Level I has one or more of the needs, conditions, or behaviors. The child:

- requires medical supplies, special equipment, or educational supplies on a routine basis not compensable through Medicaid;
- requires daily speech, occupational, or physical therapy performed by the foster or adoptive family;
- 4 through 7 years of age, displays bladder or bowel incontinence that is not age appropriate;
- requires ongoing scheduled psychological or behavioral health appointments that occur five or more times per month;
- requires tutoring when the child is below grade level and tutoring costs are more than \$100 per month;
- requires on-going SoonerStart services that occur in the home; or
- uses medical equipment, such as an apnea monitor that requires additional caregiver monitoring.

DOC Level II

Rate for foster care: \$3.33 per day or \$100 per month.

Payment for adoption assistance: \$0 - \$100 per month.

A child approved for DOC Level II has one or more of the needs, conditions, or behaviors. The child:

- requires special food preparation and feeding due to a condition that restricts normal eating;
- requires special equipment for transportation that results in restricted mobility for the child and foster or adoptive family;
- 8 years of age and older, displays bladder or bowel incontinence that is not age appropriate;
- is diagnosed with multiple disabilities and/or birth defects or brain damage that prevents

- normal intellectual or physical functioning;
- requires assistance in movement that is difficult due to the child's size;
- requires post-hospitalization care, such as frequent bandage and tube changes and special hygiene techniques; or
- displays emotional disturbances, developmental delay, or intellectual disability that results in behavior, such as constant difficulties in school, aggressive and delinquent activities, and destructiveness with therapeutic supports in place.

DOC Level III

Rate for foster care: \$5 per day or \$150 per month.

Payment for adoption assistance: \$0 - \$150 per month.

A child approved for Level III has one or more of the needs, conditions, or behaviors. The child:

- requires specialized substitute care that would include day treatment and specialized respite care;
- has frequent suspensions from school that result in the foster parent taking time off from work; or
- exhibits sexualized behaviors that require specialized treatment services and supervision.

DOC Level IV

Rate for foster care: \$7.50 per day or \$225 per month.

Payment for adoption assistance: \$0 - \$225 per month.

A child approved for DOC Level IV has one or more of the needs, conditions, or behaviors and requires such specialized care that normally the child would be in institutional or inpatient psychiatric care. The child:

- requires special equipment, such as a suction machine, feeding tube, oxygen, tracheotomy tube, or shunt;
- requires special nursing care at least once weekly;
- requires frequent nighttime supervision and care that is not age appropriate;
- displays frequent seizures or other abnormal physical reactions that require significant monitoring;
- displays bizarre, socially unacceptable behavior, violent tendencies, potentially harmful behavior to his or herself or others, or sexually predatory behavior to others or animals;
- required previous inpatient mental health treatment or was recently discharged from an inpatient facility;
- requires such intensive care that the foster or adoptive family is severely restricted in normal daily activities and is frequently homebound;
- requires post-hospitalization care for severe burns; or
- requires specialized medical treatment that negatively impacts his or her quality of life.

DOC Level V

Rate for Foster care: \$13.33 per day or \$400 per month.

Payment for Adoption assistance: \$0 - \$400 per month.

A child approved for DOC Level V has one or more of the needs, conditions, or behaviors described in DOC Levels I, II, III, or IV and has a significant number of intense needs. The child's level of need is likely to become more severe over time and is likely at some time to require personal attendant care or specialized care outside of the home, when prescribed by a professional. A current medical

or psychological report within the last six months is required from a qualified physician. This report must include a diagnosis, prognosis, and recommended treatment. Conditions considered in the determination of DOC Level V include a child:

- diagnosed within the past year by a qualified physician as having severe mental illness, such as child schizophrenia, severe developmental disabilities and/or brain damage that severely limits normal social and emotional development and requires ongoing outpatient services;
- diagnosed with autism and who meets four of the criteria in previous categories;
- with severe physical disabilities or medical conditions that are not expected to improve over time and adversely impact life expectancy when compared with others who have similar physical disabilities or medical conditions;
- with a severe intellectual disability as determined by the Social Security Administration and defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM); or
- waiting for an organ transplant or who is up to one year post-transplant.

Clothing Purchases

One-time startup authorization. A one-time startup clothing authorization is available to the kinship provider when the child is initially placed in out-of-home care per OAC 340:75-13-45.

Child's age	Authorized purchase amount
Birth through 5 years	\$100
6 through 12 years	\$150
13 years and older	\$200

Emergency authorization. Emergency clothing authorizations of \$75 are available four times a year for a child, regardless of age, in certain circumstances, per OAC 340:75-13-45, when the child is placed in a:

- non-paid kinship home;
- non-funded group home;
- DDS and CWS grand-staffed placement, such as therapeutic community home, home with daily living supports, and agency companion home; or
- psychiatric facility, such as an acute or residential treatment center, in state or out-of-state.

Monthly payments. Monthly clothing payments are based on the child's age and included in the monthly DHS foster care reimbursement payment as of 10-1-2004.

Child's age	Authorized purchase amount
Birth through 5 years	\$20.00
6 through 12 years	\$25.00
13 years and older	\$33.33