

**TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
RATE ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT**

**Proposed Payment Rates for  
24-Hour Residential Child Care  
Foster Care Redesign**

**Effective June 1, 2012  
and  
August 1, 2012**

July 3, 2012

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES FOR 24-HOUR RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE FOSTER CARE REDESIGN**

**EFFECTIVE: June 1, 2012, and August 1, 2012**

This document contains information relating to the proposed payment rates under Foster Care Redesign for Single Source Continuum Contractors providing services in the 24-Hour Residential Child Care (24 RCC) program operated by the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS).

DFPS is creating a new system of procuring and paying providers who deliver services to children in Texas foster care. Foster Care Redesign will utilize a Single Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC) to deliver a full range of locally available, least restrictive, and culturally sensitive foster and residential care services to children in Texas foster care. The goal of the program is to improve the safety, permanency, and well-being of children in Texas foster care and to increase positive outcomes for the children and their families.

There are two types of Foster Care Redesign rates: four blended foster care rates and a single exceptional foster care rate ceiling.

There are four catchment areas for Foster Care Redesign, with a separate blended foster care rate for each area. The blended foster care rate for each catchment is equal to the weighted average rate across all placement types that DFPS pays an SSCC for each day of service provided to a child or youth in paid foster care in that catchment area. The blended foster care rates are effective June 1, 2012, and are listed below.

Blended Foster Care Rates	
Catchment Area	Weighted Average Rate
Region 1	\$65.64
Regions 2 & 9	\$64.05
Region 7	\$63.91
Region 11	\$64.40

The rate model for the blended foster care rates is included in Attachment 1.

There is a single exceptional foster care rate ceiling for all catchment areas which applies to a limited number of days where a child requires extraordinary care. The exceptional foster care rate ceiling is developed using historical costs of delivering similar services, where appropriate data are available, and estimating the basic types of costs of products and services necessary to deliver services meeting federal and state requirements. The single exceptional foster care rate ceiling of \$448.75 is effective August 1, 2012. The rate model for the exceptional foster care rate ceiling is included in Attachment 2.

A public hearing will be held to receive public comments on the proposed rates at 2:00 p.m. on July 18, 2012, in the Lone Star Conference Room, of the Health and Human Services Commission, Braker Center, Building H, located at 11209 Metric Blvd, Austin, Texas. Entry is through Security at the

main entrance of the building which faces Metric Boulevard. The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will consider concerns expressed at the hearing prior to final rate approval. This public hearing is held in compliance with the provisions of Human Resources Code §32.0282 and Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §355.105(g), which require a public hearing on proposed payment rates.

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