

Child Care Reimbursement for Foster Parents & Relative Caregivers

The Child Care Reimbursement for Foster Parents and Relative Caregivers is intended to help pay the costs of child care for working foster parents and relative caregivers. Here are the highlights:

- ◆ Certified foster parents and relative caregivers who, due to employment or school, require child care for children placed in their home qualify for the reimbursement.
- ◆ Foster parents and relative caregivers can access up to \$375 a month per child up to age 12, and older than 12 if there is an identified reason for the need for supervision.
- ◆ The reimbursement may only be used when the children are being served by licensed or approved child care settings. If the provider is a relative or family friend who is not required to be licensed, DHS will need to approve that provider.
- ◆ Payments are issued in the form of a reimbursement to the foster parent or relative caregiver.

Who is responsible for what?

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- ◆ Have a discussion with the child's caseworker about your family's child care needs.
- ◆ Identify and select an appropriate, approved child care provider.
- ◆ Work with the child's caseworker or certifier to complete the Child Welfare Foster Parent or Relative Caregiver Child Care [Child Care Authorization](#).
- ◆ Complete, sign and submit a monthly Child Welfare [Child Care Invoice](#) to the child's caseworker or certifier.

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- ◆ The caseworker or certifier will discuss the family's child care needs and the child's supervision needs with the foster parent or relative caregiver.
- ◆ If the child care provider is a friend or relative, the foster parent's certifier works with the foster parent to approve the provider.
- ◆ The caseworker or certifier works with the foster parent or relative caregiver to complete the Child Welfare Foster Parent or Relative Caregiver [Child Care Authorization](#).
- ◆ The caseworker or certifier submits the completed Child Welfare [Child Care Invoice](#) to the designated branch staff for payment.

- ◆ DHS policy on the Child Care Reimbursements for Foster Parents or Relative Caregivers are found in: [Foster Care Payments, Child Care 413-090-0010\(5\)](#)