

DHS Funding Limits

for commonly requested Children's Services

❖ The allowance limits are set by DHS pursuant to their executive powers in accordance with State and federal guidelines.

GUIDE TO FUNDING SOURCES REFERENCED IN THIS CHART

Title IV-E	This funding source is established by title IV-E of the Social Security Act to provide federal financial participation in the costs of foster care maintenance payments for youth who would be eligible for the former ADC program if living in the parental or an acceptable relative home (See DHS Children's Foster Care Manual - FOM 902-2 and 902-3).
County Child Care Fund (CCF)	State legislative appropriation to partially reimburse counties for the costs of foster care and other services provided for court wards (See DHS Children's Foster Care Manual - FOM 902-7).
State Ward Board & Care	State legislative appropriation to provide payment of foster care costs for state wards who are not eligible for title IV-E or the placement is not title IV-E eligible (See DHS Children's Foster Care Manual - FOM 902-8).
Medical Assistance (Medicaid)	The program established by title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical care and services to the medically indigent or categorically needy (See DHS Children's Foster Care Manual - FOM 902-11).
SSI	Supplemental Security Income, Disabled Children's Program - a federal program to assure minimum level income for persons who are blind or disabled, and whose income and resources are not sufficient (See DHS Children's Foster Care Manual - FOM 902-10). SSI is not a funding source, but a THIRD PARTY benefit for foster care payments.

NON-COVERED PAYMENTS (DHS Children's Foster Care Manual - **FOM 903-11**)

Payment of special needs costs not covered by the Department of Human Services' may be arranged through other community resources such as service clubs, courts, and other public or private social service agencies or will be charged to the County Child Care Fund.

Youth In Transition (YIT) Services* [YIT funds may be used to provide services that are not available from other funding sources or agencies for an eligible youth. This must be documented in the updated service plan or permanent ward services plan. YIT funds may be used to provide the following goods and services after all other resources for the same good or services have been exhausted. (See DHS Children's Foster Care Manual - **FOM 950, pages 5 – 8**.)]

CATEGORY	Services Available
Education	Tutoring, books, tuition, computers, senior dues, senior expenses, ACT/SAT testing, and GED testing and preparation
Vocational & Employment	Career counseling, training, job placement, job retention, and life skills
Independent Living Training	Cooking, laundry, budgeting, and accessing community resources
Housing	First month's rent and security deposit (lifetime limit of \$1000 for youths ages 18 – 21 who leave foster care) and start-up goods (lifetime limit of \$1000)
Medical & Health Needs	Prenatal care, preventative health care, individual and group counseling (for Closed Case Services only) ^[1] ; YIT can only reimburse YOUTH for these expenses.
Transportation	Available only for education and employment purposes, driver's training, and bus card*

¹ Youth eligible for Closed Case Support are those young adults 18 up to age 21 who are no longer under DHS care and supervision (discharged), while still w/in the Youth In Transition eligibility parameters. Closed Case Support is intended for those youth currently maintaining an independent household. A youth may self refer or be referred for Closed Cases Support following discharge from a DHS supervised foster care placement.

*YIT funds must NOT be utilized for goods and services normally covered under the foster care rate or reimbursed by foster care. **Reimbursable goods and services are those goods and services NOT covered under the age appropriate rate for foster care (scheduled uniform rate), determination of care (DOC) supplements for foster care, or "special needs items" covered by non-scheduled payments.** (See DHS Children's Foster Care Manual - **FOM 950**). All YIT funding requests must include documentation that other funding sources were researched and were not available. (See DHS Children's Foster Care Manual - **FOM 950**).

The age appropriate per diem payment covers all ongoing, routine, normally expected activities in raising a child, including transportation (i.e., bus cards) expenses. (See DHS Children's Foster Care Manual - **FOM 903-3**). The age appropriate per diem payment is paid to the child placing agency for board and care, clothing, allowance and any DOC shall be paid by the Child Placing Agency (CPA) to the foster families providing the family foster care. (DHS Children's Foster Care Manual - **FOM 903-3**).

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Service	Criterion	Allowance	Additional Information/ Prerequisites	Who Approves?	Funding Source	Court Order Necessary?
CLOTHING <i>(includes School Uniforms)</i>						
Foster Care Placement [2]						
Initial Clothing Allowance (ICA)	When a child first enters foster care without a basic wardrobe, an allowance is provided for incidental clothing needs. Initial clothing allowances are to be a supplement only.	Ages: 0-5 – \$210 6-12 – \$310 13+ – \$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing inventory required for ICA. • ICA is need-based after clothing inventory filed. • ICA must be requested w/in 180 days of initial placement. 	Foster care worker and supervisor	Title IV-E, Child Care Fund (CCF), and/or Community Resources	NO
Semi-Annual Clothing Allowance (SACA)	The semi-annual clothing allowance is issued <i>automatically</i> on Aug. 31 and Feb. 28. CCF issues January and June	Ages: 0-12 – \$107 13+ – \$122	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SACA provides for <i>seasonal</i> needs for children. • SACA is sent with the regularly scheduled foster care payments. 	No approval required, automatically generated	Title IV-E, CCF, and/or Community Resources	NO
Special Clothing Authorizations (SCA)	The special clothing authorization will be approved only in <i>unusual</i> need situations and for <i>emergencies</i> .	Ages: 0-5 – \$210 6-12 – \$310 13+ – \$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergencies include loss of clothing in a fire or natural disaster – not "growth spurts." • Clothing inventory must accompany request. 	DHS supervisor <i>and</i> Central Office approval	Title IV-E and/or Community Resources	NO
					CCF	YES
Private Institutional Care – Residential Care – Independent Living						
Initial Clothing Allowance (ICA)	See above. Same requirements as ICA for children in a foster care placement.	See ICA allowance limits above. Same requirements.	See above. Same requirements as ICA for children in a foster care placement.	Foster care worker and supervisor	Title IV-E per diem and/or CCF	NO
Semi-Annual Clothing Allowance (SACA)	Daily rates paid to private agency include full clothing payments allowance.	Daily rate (per diem) includes the full clothing allowance.	The daily rate (per diem) allowance limit is based on Title IV-E limits.	N/A.	Title IV-E per diem and/or CCF	NO
Special Clothing Authorizations (SCA)	See above. Same requirements as SCA for children in a foster care placement.	See SCA allowance limits above. Same requirements.	See above. Same requirements as SCA for children in a foster care placement.	DHS supervisor <i>and</i> Central Office approval	Title IV-E per diem	NO
					CCF	YES

² Foster care placement clothing allowance is provided to a licensed relative or licensed non-relative foster parent. Non-licensed relatives are not eligible for clothing allowance. CAUTION: Unrelated caregivers, previously known as fictive kin, are also not eligible.

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EDUCATIONAL & SCHOOL EXPENSES						
School Tutoring	Tutoring MUST be provided by the LOCAL school district. If additional tutoring is requested, tutoring MUST be for the purpose of raising a failing grade in a class and recommended in writing by the child's teacher.	Ages: 7+ \$15 per hour for maximum of 10 hours a week.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher MUST identify the subjects in which remedial assistance is required. Teacher MUST estimate the length of time tutoring will be needed. Tutoring MUST occur outside of regular school hours. Tutoring may be authorized for a maximum of one school term/semester. A progress report from the child's teacher which evaluates the results of, and need for continued tutoring must be provided to the local DHS. Additional tutoring may be authorized if the teacher's progress report indicates the need for continued tutoring and an estimate of the additional amount of time needed. 	Foster care worker and supervisor	After approval, payment for tutoring may be authorized, from the child's County board and care funding source, upon receipt of a bill or invoice from the tutor which itemizes dates, hours of tutoring and rate.	NO
	A request by a foster parent or child placing agency for payment of tutoring beyond what is provided by local school district MUST be submitted and approved by the local DHS in advance of tutoring.	CCF has no set amount.				YES for CCF
Private School Tuition	If expense is beyond the financial scope of student and/or provider, MUST seek funding through community resources.	Allowance determined by the funding source and DHS.	Prerequisites determined by funding source and DHS.	DHS supervisor	Youth In Transition (YIT) funds covers up to \$600.00 and Community Resources [³]	NO

³ The purpose of the Youth In Transition (YIT) program is to provide youth services to eligible youth as defined by the John H. Chafee Independent Living Act of 1999. Services must be coordinated w/other federal and State programs for youth, including but not limited to abstinence programs, local housing programs, programs for disabled youth, school to work programs, employment programs, and health care services *before* utilization of YIT funds.

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EDUCATIONAL & SCHOOL EXPENSES cont'd						
Out of State School Tuition	Student MUST be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a MCI Ward and • a non-resident of State of school attending. 	Allowance for a MCI Ward is dependent on placement.	Tuition may be paid ONLY if the child's local school district refuses to make payment. In most cases the school district.	DHS supervisor <i>and</i> Central Office approval	Title IV-E	NO
					CCF	YES, may need a court order
Advanced Placement Fees	If expense is beyond the financial scope of the student and/or provider, the student MUST seek funding through community resources.	Age and Allowance determined by the funding source and DHS.	Prerequisites determined by funding source and DHS.	Foster care worker and supervisor	YIT funds will either reimburse the youth or the school up to \$ 600.00, CCF and/or Community Resources	NO
Driver's Education	A driver's education course may be paid for a MCI Ward.	MCI wards Ages: 15+ – \$300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The request must be authorized to the foster parent, child placing agency or the child. • Payments for drivers training can NOT be paid directly to the driving school. 	DHS supervisor <i>and</i> Children Services Administration (CSA) local office approval	YIT funds and/or State Ward Board & Care Fund	NO
					CCF, if YIT rejects	YES, may need a court order
	A driver's education course for TCW is determined by the funding source and DHS.	Age and Allowance limits are determined by the funding source and DHS.	Requirements are determined by the funding source and DHS.	Foster care worker <i>and</i> supervisor	YIT funds and/or Community Resources	NO
Enrichment Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preschool, • summer camp, • school trips, karate, • skating, • dance lessons, • instrument rental • summer football 	If expense is beyond the financial scope of the child and/or provider, the child MUST seek funding through community resources.	Age and Allowance determined by the funding source and DHS.	Prerequisites determined by funding source and DHS.	Foster care worker <i>and</i> supervisor	YIT funds and/or Community Resources	NO
					CCF, if YIT rejects	YES, may need a court order

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EDUCATIONAL & SCHOOL EXPENSES cont'd						
Summer School Classes	Summer school classes may be paid for a MCI Ward only.	Allowance to be determined by DHS	Prerequisites determined by child's school and DHS.	DHS supervisor and CSA local office approval	YIT funds and Title IV-E funds	NO
					CCF	YES
Graduation Expenses: (total graduation expenses may not exceed \$200)						
Tuxedo rentals and dress purchases	The student MUST be attending the senior prom.	Under \$100 is reimbursable.	N/A.	Foster care worker and supervisor	YIT funds and CCF	NO
Senior cap and gown rental	The student MUST be graduating.	Under \$100 is reimbursable.	N/A.	Foster care worker and supervisor	YIT funds and CCF	NO
Senior class rings	The student MUST be graduating.	Under \$100 is reimbursable.	Consideration by the foster care worker of what is an appropriate amount spent for the ward based on what the student's peers and families are doing or would do.	Foster care worker and supervisor	YIT funds and CCF	NO
Senior pictures	The student MUST be YIT eligible. [4]	Allowance determined by funds available via YIT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for senior pictures allowance MUST be made to DHS through local office. Request MUST be documented by DHS via the Service Youth Profile Report. 	Foster care worker and supervisor	YIT funds and CCF	NO
PSYCHOLOGICAL/ MEDICAL/DENTAL						
Psychological Evaluation	DHS specialist and manager signature required when requesting payment for a psychological evaluation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$300 is the maximum allowable amount for a psychological evaluation. (continued below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If Community Mental Health services are not available, State foster care funds may be used for children who are in DHS supervised family foster care or a private agency's general foster program through Title IV-E or State Ward Board & Care funds. (continued below)	For ALL wards: DHS supervisor and CSA local office approval	Title IV-E or State Ward Board & Care Fund. (continued below)	NO (continued below)

⁴ Youth eligible for the Youth In Transition (YIT) services include youth (age 14 & not yet 21) who are or have been a ward (on or after their 14th birthday): supervised by DHS in a foster care placement based on abuse or neglect. This includes, but is not limited to, placements in foster family homes, relative's homes, group homes, emergency shelters, residential facilities & pre-adoptive placements.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL/ MEDICAL/DENTAL cont'd						
Psychological Evaluation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> However, up to \$500 <i>may</i> be granted based on specific case needs and supervisor approval. (For youth evaluation only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No payments are available through the State foster care account for the evaluation or treatment of children whose board and care is not funded through the foster care account. 		YIT funds may be available to children after their foster care case is closed or CCF	NO
Assisted Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The child MUST be at a determination of care (DOC) level of at least II. Since the DOC rate is based on the extraordinary care required of the foster care provider, all tasks and expenses must be documented in detail. Initial request MUST include local office director approval. 	<p>\$15 per hour, maximum 8 hours a day, 7 days a week.</p> <p>[An assisted Care Payment is authorized <i>directly</i> to the foster parent or the Child Placing Agency and not to the assisted care provider.]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A DOC assessment must be done at the initial case opening and at least every 6 months or if the child's care needs or level change or the child moves DOC rates are not to be authorized for any time period that exceeds six months. If a DOC supplement continues to be necessary at the end of the authorized time period, a new assessment must be done, appropriate approval obtained, and another payment authorization completed. 	For ALL wards: DHS supervisor and CSA local office approval	For ALL wards: CCF minus from billings per month any other income, i.e., SSI, Medicaid For TCWs: Title IV-E and/or CCF For PCWs: Title IV-E and/or State Ward Board & Care Fund	NO
Medical Expenses*	<p>DHS will pay medical expenses for MCI Wards not covered by Medicaid.</p> <p>(continued below)</p>	<p>No maximum allowance for MCI wards.</p> <p>(continued below)</p>	<p>For TCWs and PCWs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Only medical needs which cannot be paid through private insurance or Medicaid can be authorized by DHS, provided there is: <p>(continued below)</p>	For ALL wards: DHS supervisor and CSA local office approval	For ALL wards: Medicaid and/or Private insurance (continued below)	NO (continued below)

* Title IV-E funds cannot be used to pay medical expenses, glasses, and other corrective appliances.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL/ MEDICAL/DENTAL cont'd						
Medical Expenses*	For TCWs and PCWs , ALL medical expenses MUST be covered by Medicaid. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private insurance or Medicaid MUST be exhausted before requesting reimbursement of medical expenditures for TCWs and PCWs. 	No maximum allowance for medical expenses for TCWs and PCWs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation of need, The reason insurance or Medicaid is unavailable, A copy of the Medicaid rejection is in the case record, and A copy of the Medicaid rejection is included with the request to the Foster Care Program Office for approval. 		For TCWs & PCWs: Title IV-E and/or CCF For PCWs: Title IV-E and/or State Ward Board & Care Fund	NO
Glasses (and other corrective appliances)*	This is a Medicaid covered medical expense.	No maximum allowance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A copy of the Medicaid rejection letter attached to request payment. Allowance may not be used for frame upgrades or contact lenses. 	For ALL wards: DHS supervisor and CSA local office approval	For ALL wards: Medicaid For TCWs & PCWS: CCF	NO
Prescriptions	This is a Medicaid covered medical expense.	No maximum allowance.	A copy of the Medicaid rejection letter MUST be attached to the request for payment.	For ALL wards: DHS supervisor and CSA local office approval	For ALL wards: Medicaid	NO
Dental**	DHS will pay dental expenses for MCI Wards not covered by Medicaid. (continued below)	No maximum allowance. (continued below)	Local DHS director approval and documentation including a narrative by the specialist explaining the effect the dental need has on the child's physical, psychological, and social functioning, and the reason Medicaid funds are not available. (continued below)	For MCI Wards: The local DHS CSA director for dental expenses exceeding \$250 when Medicaid unavailable. (continued below)	For MCI Wards: State Ward Board & Care Funds (for non-Medicaid expenses) and/or Medicaid (continued below)	NO (continued below)

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** Title IV-E funds cannot be used for dental expenditures.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL/ MEDICAL/DENTAL cont'd						
Dental**	For TCWs and PCWs, all dental expenses MUST be covered by Medicaid.	No maximum allowance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most dental treatment is covered by Medicaid. Court wards are referred for payment of non-Medicaid covered dental expenses from County Child Care Funds. 	For ALL wards: DHS supervisor and CSA local office approval	For TCWs & PCWs: Medicaid and/or CCF	NO, but the County of Wayne requires that services are started.
Orthodontic Treatment (MCI Wards only)	<p>Orthodontic treatment may be covered by Medicaid if the child is enrolled in the Department of Community Health's Children's Special Health Care Services Plan Division.</p> <p>CAUTION: Do not initiate orthodontic treatment until written approval is given</p>	\$5000 maximum, exceptions MUST be submitted to the Federal Compliance Office-Funding Unit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A written request must be submitted that includes a narrative by the specialist addressing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ The effect the orthodontic need has on the child's physical, mental, and social functioning; ➢ The permanency plan for the child; ➢ How treatment will continue if the child is adopted, changes placement, or is discharged from the system. A treatment plan from the proposed orthodontic provider must be submitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An estimate for treatment may be authorized without prior approval. Local DHS office director or designee is necessary for actual orthodontic treatment. 	<p>Medicaid and State Ward Board & Care Funds may be available.</p> <p>Also, CCF may be available.</p>	NO, but the County of Wayne requires that services are started.

** Title IV-E funds cannot be used for dental expenditures.