

5101:9-6-28

**Title IV-E funding.**

- (A) This Title IV-E allocation consists of federal funds and the catalog of federal domestic assistance number is 93.658. The federal financial participation (FFP) rate is fifty per cent for administrative costs. The federal foster care maintenance reimbursement amount for foster care maintenance (FCM) allowable costs on behalf of Title IV-E eligible children is established by the department of health and human services every October first. The county must provide state allocated general revenue funds or local funds for the nonfederal share. When the nonfederal share includes donated funds, rule 5101:9-7-50 of the Administrative Code must be followed.
- (B) The Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS) administers federal payments for FCM and adoption assistance (AA) pursuant to Title IV-E of the Social Security Act. The social services random moment sample time study (SSRMS) is used to identify percentages for county employee efforts directed to Title IV-E activities. These Title IV-E funds are distributed by ODJFS to the public children services agency (PCSA) and adoptive parents.

**(1) Administration and training costs.**

(a) Any administrative or training cost charged to the Title IV-E program may not be charged concurrently to another federal program. The results of the SSRMS and the statewide percentage of Title IV-E eligible children are statistically applied to the statewide social services cost pool to derive the cost of reimbursable Title IV-E activities for the statewide Title IV-E administration and training claim to the federal government. Costs are claimed separately for FCM based on family and children services information system (FACSIS) or statewide automated child welfare information system (SACWIS) population data.

(b) The following variables are used to determine administration and training costs:

(i) Applicable activity code information from the SSRMS and/or income maintenance random moment sample time study;

(ii) Cost data from the JFS 02820 "Monthly Financial Statement-Childrens Services Fund" (rev. 3/2004) or the JFS 02827 "Monthly Financial Statement-Public Assistance Fund Certification Sheet" (rev. 11/2000) as appropriate;

(iii) Population data from FACSIS or SACWIS;

- (iv) Calculations performed by ODJFS during the quarterly SSRMS reconciliation, which consider the following factors:
    - (a) The size of each county's social services cost pool as reported on the JFS 02820 or, for combined agencies, the JFS 02827;
    - (b) A percentage of Title IV-E eligible activities as determined through data obtained from FACSIS/SACWIS; and
    - (c) The number of FCM and AA Title IV-E children served in each county relative to the number of children in substitute care and paid adoptive placement in the county as reported in FACSIS/SACWIS.
  - (c) ODJFS notifies the PCSA of the total amount of Title IV-E federal funds available for administrative and training activities as derived from the quarterly SSRMS calculations.
  - (d) The PCSA may report up to the total amount available as Title IV-E administration and training costs.
  - (e) The Title IV-E administration and training funding is distributed to the PCSA quarterly, based on the amount reported.
- (2) FCM reimbursements.
- (a) FCM reimbursements are provided to cover the costs of a child's daily needs that are incurred by the agency.
  - (b) FCM reimbursements may be made to Title IV-E agencies on behalf of adjudicated children if an agreement exists between the Title IV-E agency or the board of county commissioners and ODJFS. FCM reimbursements may be made only if the eligible child is placed in a licensed/certified/approved foster care facility as required by rule 5101:2-47-16 of the Administrative Code.
  - (c) FCM reimbursements are established pursuant to rules 5101:2-47-11 and 5101:2-47-17 of the Administrative Code and exist for the following types of care:

- (i) Public foster homes, relative homes, and pre-finalized adoptive homes; and
    - (ii) Group homes, maternity homes, and children's residential centers; purchased foster care.
  - (3) AA payments.
    - (a) AA payments are provided on behalf of special needs children who are in adoptive placement or who are living with parents who have legally adopted them. The AA payment rate is determined on an individual basis for each child. The maximum amount of AA payment eligible for FFP cannot exceed the cost of the FCM payment that would be made if the child had remained in foster care.
    - (b) ODJFS provides the nonfederal share of AA payments up to the maximum level payments of ~~three~~ two hundred and forty dollars per month for a Title IV-E only child, and ~~six~~ four hundred and eighty dollars per month for a child determined to be dual eligible (Title IV-E and state adoption ~~assistance~~ maintenance subsidy) on or before January 12, 1992. The county agency is responsible for the nonfederal share of any amount in excess of these amounts up to the maximum amount eligible for FFP.
    - (c) ODJFS issues the federal and state shares of AA payments on behalf of Title IV-E eligible children in a warrant payable to the adoptive parents or the county agency that has/had custody of the child. The determination of payee is made at the local level and specified on the FACSIS benefits issuance system or SACWIS, if applicable.
- (C) Agencies initiate FCM reimbursements and AA payments by using one of the following:
- (1) FACSIS or SACWIS, if applicable;
  - (2) JFS 01659 "Title IV-E Auxiliary Payment Authorization " (rev. 3/2007);
  - (3) JFS 01925 "Monthly Title IV-E FCM Invoice" (rev. 8/2002); or
  - (4) An advance from ODJFS to counties participating in "ProtectOhio" as explained in rule 5101:9-6-25 of the Administrative Code.

(D) The definitions, requirements, and responsibilities contained in rule 5101:9-6-50 of the Administrative Code are applicable to this rule.

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