



Procedure Letter 27

TO: Children Services Stakeholders
FROM: Laura Graf, Policy Deputy Director
DATE: September 16, 2025
SUBJECT: Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance Ceilings for Federal Fiscal Year 2026

Background

Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance (FCM) reimburses the Title IV-E agency for the cost of care for eligible children placed in a foster home. FCM provides reimbursement-related auxiliary payments annually for clothing, personal incidentals, and graduation expenses. FCM is subject to ceiling amounts established by the Department of Children and Youth (DCY) following a review of Ohio Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) placement data.

Purpose

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 5180:2-47-01(M), all FCM ceilings described in OAC rules 5180:2-47-17, 5180:2-47-18, and 5180:2-47-19 have been reviewed. The placement data in Ohio CCWIS shows evidence for maintaining or increasing the following ceilings. The ceilings identified in the table below are effective September 30, 2025; however, due to the Budget Control Act of 2011 provisions, any increase is not reimbursable through the Ohio CCWIS until October 1, 2025.

Table with 3 columns: Uniform Statewide Standards for Per Diem FCM Ceilings (0-18 years), Per Diem FCM Difficulty of Care Maximum Additional Ceilings, and Auxiliary Payments for Clothing, Personal Incidentals, and Graduation Expenses Annual Ceilings. Rows include Minimum - \$15.00, Maximum - \$500.00, Special Needs - \$500.00, Exceptional Needs - \$750.00, Intensive Needs/Medically Fragile - \$1,000.00, and Clothing - \$5,000.00, Personal Incidentals - \$5,000.00, Graduation Expenses - \$3,000.00.



	Emergency Family Foster Care - \$750.00	
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Ohio’s base Federal Financial Participation for Title IV-E FCM and adoption assistance (AA) payments for Federal Fiscal Year 2026 (October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026) is 64.85%.

Rules/Forms

The chart indicates the impacted Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules and/or required forms.

OAC Rules	DCY Forms
5180:2-47-01	N/A