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If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, call the Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline at 800-800-5556.

November 13, 2025

Dear Foster Parent,

We are writing to inform you of the foster care per diem rates for this upcoming year, beginning January 1, 2026. There is a slight adjustment based upon the increase in the consumer price index.

The new rates are as follows:

	Age 0-4	Age 5-13	Age 14-18
Foster Care	\$27.86	\$30.23	\$34.90
Foster Care with Services	\$35.63	\$37.95	\$42.52
Therapeutic Foster Care	\$47.77	\$50.09	\$54.66
Therapeutic Plus	\$71.52	\$73.84	\$78.41
Non-Ward Baby	\$27.86	n/a	n/a

If you currently have placements in your foster home, you will receive a new Individual Child Placement Referral (ICPR) in January with the updated rate. The new ICPR will include a new Billable Unit Referral ID (BURID) that must be used when you invoice for January 2026 dates of service (you will use the 2025 BURID for December dates of service).

If you have not already done so, and if you are comfortable using a computer, we strongly encourage you to sign up for access to the KidTraks Vendor Portal. This will allow you to submit your invoices electronically via KidTraks e-Invoicing, as well as view and print your ICPRs and view the status of your invoice/payments. To sign up for the Vendor Portal and/or Foster Care Portal please contact your Foster Care Specialist.

Also, to further add ease to your invoicing process, DCS continues to accept electronic submission of invoices for foster care per diem, as well as personal allowance, birthday/holiday allowance and initial clothing allotment. Additional tools which may be useful are listed immediately below and can be found under Claims and Invoicing on the Foster Care Portal, which has moved to our main DCS website but is still accessible at the previous address (<https://www.indianafostercare.org/s/article/Licensed-Foster-Parent-Claims-and-Invoicing>).



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Please contact your Foster Care Specialist for more information.

- [KidTraks e-Invoicing Guide for Birthday/Holiday Allowance \(aka Special Occasion Allowance\)](#)
- [KidTraks e-Invoicing Guide for Initial Clothing & Personal Items Allotment](#)
- [KidTraks Foster Parent e-Invoicing Guide for Personal Allowance](#)
- [Resource Parent Paper Invoicing Guidelines](#)
- [Guidance for Foster Parents on Common Errors on Claims/Invoices](#)

Thank you for the dedicated care you provide for Indiana's most vulnerable children. We appreciate your partnership.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Dorfmeier
Chief Deputy Director



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