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|  | INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY | |
| | Chapter 9: Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) | Effective Date: October 1, 2013 |
| | Section 11: Transportation Costs | Version: 2 |

STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will pay all transportation costs related to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) for out-of-state placement of a DCS ward. This includes travel costs related to the child returning to Indiana for visits with parents and/or siblings as well as travel costs for the Family Case Manager (FCM) to visit an Indiana child placed out of the state through the ICPC program.

Note: All out-of-state travel requires prior approval from the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA).

DCS will **not** pay any transportation cost associated with:

1. The ICPC placement of a child from another state being placed in Indiana;
2. Private interstate adoptions; or
3. International adoptions.

For DCS wards, DCS will pay for the return of the child to the state of Indiana should the placement fail or no longer be in the child's best interest.

Code References

1. [IC 31-28-4: Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children](#)
2. [IC 4-13-14: Duties and functions](#)

PROCEDURE

For all travel needs, please see [DCS Employee Travel](#).

PRACTICE GUIDANCE

N/A

FORMS AND TOOLS

N/A

RELATED INFORMATION

DCS Travel Services can be contacted at DCSTravelInquiries@dcs.in.gov. The e-mail address for DCS Out of State Travel is OutofStateTravel@dcs.IN.gov.