



ATTACHMENT J.1.2

Foster Care Rates Effective January 1, 2010

Children age 11 and Under

<u>Level</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>30 Day Month</u>	<u>31 Day Month</u>
I - Regular	\$30.66	\$919.80	\$950.46
II – Special	\$31.26	\$937.80	\$969.06
III – Handicapped	\$33.23	\$996.90	\$1,030.13
IV – Multi-handicap	\$38.99	\$1,169.70	\$1,208.69

Children age 12 and over

<u>Level</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>30 Day Month</u>	<u>31 Day Month</u>
I - Regular	\$34.15	\$1,024.50	\$1,058.65
II – Special	\$35.39	\$1,061.70	\$1,097.09
III – Handicapped	\$37.83	\$1,134.90	\$1,172.73
IV – Multi-handicap	\$44.58	\$1,337.40	\$1,381.98

Foster Care Rates Effective January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

Children age 11 and Under

<u>Level</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>30 Day Month</u>	<u>31 Day Month</u>
I - Regular	\$30.66	\$919.80	\$950.46
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Children age 12 and over

I - Regular	\$32.97	\$989.10	\$1,022.07
II – Special	\$34.17	\$1,025.10	\$1,059.27
III – Handicapped	\$36.52	\$1,095.60	\$1,132.12
IV – Multi-handicap	\$43.04	\$1,291.20	\$1,334.24

METHODOLOGY:

The MFO mandates that, each year, CFSA raise the level I board rate to reflect the USDA report on the cost of raising a child in the urban South. This report is produced by the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, and the relevant information is found in a table titled: *Estimated annual expenditures on a child by husband-wife families, urban South*. Because of the reporting lag, there is always a two year difference. For example, the board rates CY2010 are derived from the 2008 report, which is the most recent report. Each year, a report is produced, which estimates the cost for raising a child. See links:

<http://www.cnpp.usda.gov>

<http://www.cnpp.usda.gov/ExpendituresonChildrenbyFamilies.htm>

Over the last several years, the increase has been in the 3.5% range. This year, there is no increase for children age 11. Between 2007 and 2008, the average expenditures for the age groups 11 and under declined, so the daily rate includes no increase. There is a 3.58% increase calculated for children age 12 and over.

How the daily rate is calculated:

The table contains estimated annual expenditures for three income levels. CFSA uses the middle income level to compute the daily rate.

- 1) Compute the average total expenses for children age 11 and under (there are four age ranges, so CFSA averages those ranges)
- 2) Divide that number by 365 (this will give a new daily rate for a Level I Board rate).
- 3) Using that number, calculate the % increase over the previous year.
- 4) Apply the percent increase to the level II, III, and IV daily board rates.
- 5) Multiply the daily board rates by 30 and 31, respectively, to fill out the CFSA Chart.
- 6) Repeat steps 1-5 for children age 12 and over (two age ranges).