

Child and Family Services Policy Manual: Substitute Care for Children Diaper Allowance

Purpose	The diaper allowance ensures that each infant and toddler in foster care has an adequate supply of diapers. Each eligible child may receive a diaper allowance of \$1.32 per day.
Eligibility	<p>A child is eligible for a diaper allowance if s/he is placed in a licensed youth foster home, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the child is expected to be in care more than 30 days;• the child is under age three (the allowance may be paid through the month of the child's third birthday); and• care is paid by the Division; and• the child has a documented need for the diaper allowance as determined by the Child Protection Specialist and the foster parent.
After Age 3	The Medicaid EPSDT Program may cover diaper expenses for children age 3 and older if diapers are deemed medically necessary (written prescription) by a qualified medical provider.
CAPS	<p>After checking FSPL to ensure that SDALL has been entered as a service code, the worker requests the diaper allowance by going to SERL, then SERP and entering the service code SDALL.</p> <p>NOTE: If the foster child is receiving the SSI rate (PFSSI) for foster care payment, diaper allowance will need to be approved by the Regional Administrator. CPS is required to send request to the Regional Administrator in writing with justification.</p>
References	Mont. Admin. R. 37.50.502 and 37.50 505