

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION/INTERPRETATION

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1. TYPE OF REQUEST: Follow-up to Verbal Request - Date of Verbal Request: _____ Written Request---

written request

2. STATEMENT OF QUESTION OR ISSUE: Are foster homes eligible to receive Transportation residential integration dollars or Transportation family reimbursement dollars or Transportation work/day dollars in addition to their foster payment? Which ones would they be eligible for and in what circumstances? If they are eligible should all foster families have a budget to cover these expenses just as all people in group homes were given an allotment? Was any level of transportation to community activities included in the rate setting methodology? If some transportation is expected from foster homes then what would constitute "extra transportation" and can it be paid in Transportation res hab, Transportation work day or Transportation family reimbursement?

Example, I have a foster home who is willing to take her person out of town to visit her biological relatives which seems like 'extra' duty and something it is great to be able to pay for. We have utilized "family transportation" dollars to reimburse for this. However, she also takes her to the grocery store with her to buy personal supplies and is this activity also eligible for transportation reimbursement? Am I using the correct category by using family reimbursement when I do reimburse her?

References:

3. ANSWER: Foster Care Licensing requires opportunities to participate in community organizations and activities. The Foster Care Stipend approved in Waiver Language does not have specific dollars for transportation but assumes the Foster Family will provide the required opportunities for community integration. Foster families may be eligible on a case by case basis, in unusual circumstances, to receive mileage reimbursement. However, in order for an agency to receive payment for "Residential Integration" transportation funding, the foster parent must be providing Residential Training Supports and be an employee of a Qualified Provider Agency. Foster families are not eligible for "commute" transportation funding because they do not provide Day Program or Work Services.

In your example "family transportation" dollars to visit a relative is not an appropriate funding category. Rates Transportation Funding Categories are: "Commute, Residential Integration, Day Integration and Mileage Reimbursement".

References:

Approved and Issued by:
 (Program Director) 
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<p>4: DISTRIBUTION:</p> <p>One Copy: _____ Requestor</p>	<p>5: FOLLOW-UP:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To be issued as Bulletin to: _____</p>
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