



## Discretionary Services Fee Schedule Credentialed Services



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### Therapeutic Support Staff Services

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#### **Service Description:**

Therapeutic Support Staff is a service designed to address the individualized needs of a child or youth. Current behavioral health diagnosis that results in moderate to acute functional impairment which substantially interferes with, or limits, the child's or youth's role or functioning in family, school or community activities.

These individualized supports are provided by paid, trained and supervised individuals. This service is provided typically for up to eight (8) hours per week per child or youth and includes a combination of structured and enrichment activities consistent with identified case plan objectives.

The service is multifaceted and should not focus on a single sport or activity. Assist each child or youth to develop skills that support good decision-making, pro-social choices, the refinement of pro-social behavior that foster independence and solidify acts and actions that replace problematic behaviors.

The hourly rate for this service includes the cost of transporting the child receiving the service. (See footnote #1)

DCF can authorize supplemental payment:

When the distance either to or from the location that credentialed providers travel to pick up or drop off the child receiving the service exceeds twenty (20) miles; when there are different area offices that credentialed providers travel to pick up/drop off two (+) children receiving the service from the same case; or when there are different locations that credentialed providers travel to pick up/drop off two (+) children receiving the service from different cases.

**Note:** The total miles from/ to the credentialed staff's starting location or where the agency vehicle is garaged to/ from child's location is the maximum number of miles reimbursable.

#### **Duration:**

Maximum of 8 hours per week up to 26 weeks.

#### **Service Type:**

- Therapeutic Support Staff –In-home (609)
- Therapeutic Support Staff– Foster Care (614)

**Service Rate (Maximum):**

- \$45 per hour

**Supervision:**

Supervision of employees is billable at 15 minute increments per staff, per case, per month at the established rate for TSS.

**Group Events:**

If approved by the Area Office as it relates to individual case plans on occasion children can participate in a group activity. The rate will be divided equally among the number of staff and children. For example, 2 children with one Therapeutic Support Staff at \$45.00 per hour will be billed at \$22.50 per hour for each child.

**No Shows:**

DCF does not reimburse for “**NO SHOWS**” if the appointment has been cancelled by DCF before the provider/staff has left for the service. If DCF fails to cancel the appointment, payment will be a flat fee of \$30 if the total miles from/ to the credentialed staff’s starting location or where the agency vehicle is garaged to/ from child's location is 20 miles or under and \$50 if the total miles from/ to the credentialed staff’s location to/ from child's location is over 20 miles.

**(footnote 1)** Only time spent delivering the service is reimbursable. For example, time spent driving is not reimbursable, unless transporting the child receiving the service.