



Discretionary Services Fee Schedule Credentialed Services



Temporary Care Services

Service Description:

Temporary Care is a service that provides a short-term break or intervention for a child or youth. This service should not be used in lieu of daycare services. Temporary care should be used as a time limited service while a more sustainable plan for care is developed.

Services can be provided in the community, credentialed agency site, or in the DCF regional offices. Activities and location of service provision should be mutually agreed upon by Provider, DCF Social Worker and caregiver prior to services being rendered.

Some examples of appropriate use of temporary care include but aren't limited to;

- When a child/youth is on a school suspension
- When a child/youth is removed on an emergency basis
- Other scenarios will be reviewed on a case by case basis

In order to emphasize consistency and relationship building, it is expected that the same staff person will continually provide this service throughout the course of care while the child or youth remains involved. Any changes in staff must be discussed with and approved by the Department Area Office.

Duration:

Temporary Care Services is short-term and can be provided from one to several hours based on the individual need of the child or youth. Services will not be provided during overnight hours.

Services may be provided on a regular basis after school or during evening hours.

The Department will approve the provision of Temporary Care Services for a total of 70 hours or 90 days, whichever comes first.

Note:

Service hours are not to exceed the total of 70 hours or 90 days, whichever comes first.

As per all credentialed services, providers will only be paid for services rendered with an approved WAF in place. The ONLY exception to this is in the event Temporary Care is needed on an emergency basis and service coordination occurs outside of the business hours of 8 am to 5 pm, the regional Social Work Supervisor, Program Manager or Office Director can approve services to begin with the expectation that an approved WAF will need to be provided to the TC agency within 24 hours of services being initiated. If a provider does not receive an approved WAF within that timeline, the provider shall notify the regional office team that services will be suspended until an approved WAF is received, and the credentialing Program Manager should be notified.

Service Type:

- Temporary Care Service – In Home (294)
- Temporary Care Service – Foster Care (372)
 - Site Based Temporary Care
 - Community Based Temporary Care
 - Are Office Based Temporary Care

Service Rate (Maximum):

- \$27 per hour

Note: Each Temporary Care Staff should be assigned to provide services for each individual family system. To clarify, multiple siblings can be assigned to one Temporary Care Staff member under a group activity rate (see fee schedule). However, for unrelated children or youth, one staff member should be assigned for each child or youth receiving services.

Group Events:

If approved by the Area Office as it relates to individual case plans children can participate in a group activity. The rate will be \$27.00 per hour plus an additional \$13.50 per hour per additional child. For example, 3 children with one Temporary Care Staff at \$27.00 + \$13.50 + \$13.50 per hour and will be billed at \$54.00 per hour.

Meals:

The Department will be responsible for providing all meals for children and youth receiving regional office-based Temporary Care.

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.

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