



State of South Carolina

Department of Social Services

Child Welfare Policy: Chapter 1: Administration, Section 1.8: Child Welfare Funding

Subject:	Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance Payments
Authority:	Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018, Public Law 115-123
Standards:	Guiding Principles and Standards (GPS) Practice Model
Application:	All Child Welfare Programs
Policy Statement:	Title IV-E eligibility determination must be completed for every child that enters out-of-home care. In addition, a Title IV-E eligibility determination must be completed each time an out-of-home care episode begins. There are two (2) categories of Title IV-E eligibility criteria that impact a child's status: 1. Initial eligibility; and 2. Ongoing eligibility.
Purpose:	The South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) will utilize Title IV-E Foster Care funding (Title IV-E), a federal program that is authorized under and administered in accordance with Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.
Procedures	A. Children Placed with Parents in a Licensed Residential Family-Based Treatment Facility for Substance Abuse 1. Federal foster care regulations allow title IV-E agencies to claim foster care maintenance payments (FCMPs) for a child placed with a parent in a licensed residential family-based treatment facility for substance abuse for up to 12 months in accordance with requirements in sections 472(j) and 472(a)(2)(C) of the Act. Title IV-E agencies may also claim administrative costs during the 12-month period consistent with 45 CFR 1356.60(c) for the administration of the title IV-E program, which includes such things as case management. A licensed residential family-based treatment facility for substance abuse is not a childcare institution (CCI) as defined in section 472(c) of the Act. While the facility must be licensed, there is no requirement that it meet the title IV-E licensing and background check requirements for a CCI. 2. The title IV-E agency may claim FCMPs in accordance with the definition in section 475(4)(A) of the Act, which includes such things as the cost of providing food, clothing, shelter, and daily supervision. However, because a licensed residential family-based treatment facility for substance abuse is not a CCI, the title IV-E agency may not include the costs of administration and operation of the facility in the child's title IV-E FCMP. Also see section 472(k)(1)(A) of the Act. 3. The child must meet all the title IV-E foster care eligibility requirements except the AFDC eligibility requirements in sections 472(a)(1)(B) and (3) of the Act. The requirement that the child is under the placement and care responsibility of the title IV-E agency while placed with the parent in the facility remains in effect.

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