

Special Needs Matrix

OCS is the payer of last resort and promise of payment should only be provided once all other resources are investigated. Possible resources include biological parents, Public Assistance, municipal programs, nonprofit organizations, contractors, grantees, Tribal Assistance and scholarships programs. Referrals for goods are assessed on an as-needed, case-by-case basis and may need to be supported by the client's case plan. Prior authorization and approval is required.

ORCA Service Type	Maximum Amount Allowable	Criteria	Licensed Foster Care	Unlicensed Relative	Placed in Emergency Shelter (ie. Covenant House)	Residential/ Treatment/ Boarding School	Trial Home Visit	Open For Services/ IA	Regulation
Emergency Clothing	\$200, per placement (for emergency placement upon removal or emergency change of placement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If it is found that clothing is inadequate within the first 30 days of the Emergency placement, OCS will authorize up to \$200 to bring the clothing inventory to an adequate state. The resource parent, residential child care provider or worker will need to complete a Clothing Inventory form (06-9741). Once it is determined that the child has an adequate supply of clothing upon placement, routine replacement of clothing is the responsibility of the out-of-home care provider. Refer to Clothing Policy 6.2.2.8. Geographical differential can be applied. (The geographic differential portion will be used for any associated shipping costs if the clothing is purchased from a vendor in a location without a geographic differential). 	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	7 AAC 53.310. Clothing
Extraordinary Clothing	\$400 total, per calendar year (January through December)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extraordinary clothing includes clothing attire needed due to unusual circumstances. Examples of extraordinary matters include medically fragile, rapid weight gain or loss, seasonal clothing needs or damaged clothing due to flood/fire. The resource parent, residential child care provider or worker will need to complete a Clothing Inventory form (06-9741). Refer to Clothing Policy 6.2.2.8. Geographical differential can be applied. The geographic differential portion will be used for any associated shipping costs if the clothing is purchased from a vendor in a location without a geographic differential. 	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	7 AAC 53.050. Ongoing direct costs

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Infant/Toddler Safety Items	\$200 per child (0 to age 5), per calendar year (January through December)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expenditure includes one item that is needed for the safe care of an infant or toddler. High chair, safety gates, toddler locks, stroller, car seats and other safety items are allowable expenses. Does not include clothing, furniture, food or diapers/wipes because these are covered elsewhere in the Matrix. Geographical differential can be applied. Items must follow the child. Requests by providers for one-time items must be in writing. 	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	7 AAC 53.330. One-time items
Special Event Cost	\$100 onetime, per child, per placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special event costs, such as birthday and/or Christmas gift money, if the child is placed less than 90 days before the event. Geographical differential can be applied. An out-of-home care provider will not be reimbursed for an expenditure if it was made or incurred before receiving approval of the onetime request. Requests by providers for one-time items must be in writing. 	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	7 AAC 53.330. One-time items
Emergency Beds	\$350 per child, not to exceed \$1050 for a family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes furniture that is not included in out-of-home care payments. Includes essential sleeping furniture, such as cribs, bunk beds, mattresses and bedframes. Must be requested within 30 days of placement. Geographical differential can be applied. Items must follow the child(ren). An out-of-home care provider will not be reimbursed for an expenditure if it was made or incurred before receiving approval of the onetime request. Requests by providers for one-time items must be in writing. 	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	7 AAC 53.330. One-time items and 7 AAC 53.340. Prevention of out-of-home
Emergency Items	Up to \$150 per child and \$400 for a family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes emergency items such as food, formula, diapers and wipes. Geographical differential can be applied. While receiving Emergency Relief Support payments, a relative provider is not eligible for 	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	7 AAC 53.340. Prevention of out-of-home

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		<p>RFFs for food, diapers or diaper wipes except under emergency conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RFF amount for food, diapers, or diaper wipes will be deducted from the ERS payment. 							
Summer Camp	<p>\$600, per child, per summer</p> <p>(May through August)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer camp funding is available annually May-Aug. Maximum \$600 per child ages 5-15. Child Care team will set up camp requests. Foster parents seeking camp should be referred to the Child Care Team for assistance at 907-465-5648. No geographical differential allowable. Refer to the Independent Living (IL) Program for youth 16 and older. 	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes (Not for IA)	7 AAC 53.050. Ongoing direct costs and 7 AAC 53.340. Prevention of out-of-home
Extracurricular Activities	<p>\$300 total (children ages 6-12),</p> <p>\$500 total (children ages 13-15)</p> <p>per calendar year (January through December)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extracurricular activities includes before and after school activities, exclusive of child care. Includes funding needed to pay for a combination of short term extracurricular activities and equipment annually. Scholarship opportunities should be explored prior to submitting a RFF for extracurricular activity funding. Also consider use of ISA funds. Refer to the Independent Living (IL) Program for youth 16 and older. An updated case plan is required during a Trial Home Visit or Open for Services placement. 	Yes- at a reduced rate of \$150 per calendar year for children 6-12. \$250 per year for children 13-15	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes (Not for IA)	7 AAC 53.050. Ongoing direct costs and 7 AAC 53.340. Prevention of out-of-home
Prescribed Dietary Food	Based on Prescription	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes food and/or nutritional supplement that is prescribed by a doctor, and not normally available in a grocery store. Prescribed dietary food is often purchased through the doctor's office or with an online supplier. An example would be special powered food mix used for people who eat via digestive tube. Items such as formula, or gluten free flour or peanut free items would not qualify and are considered normal groceries. Doctor's prescription required. Medicaid is to be explored prior to approving dietary food. 	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	7 AAC 53.050. Ongoing direct costs

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Damage/Loss	May reimburse up to \$6,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damage/loss must exceed \$100 for a single event or \$150 cumulative, each month. • The incident must be reported to OCS by the foster parent within 72 hours. • A complete and timely Report of Stolen/Damaged Property or Personal Injury form (06-9440) must be submitted. • If caused by theft, criminal conduct or mischief, the incident is to be reported to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction. • Geographical differential does not apply. 	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	7 AAC 53.110. Damages and loss
Shipping child's belongings	Dependent on child's needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shipping costs that exceed \$250 require quotes from 2-3 service providers (where available) to ensure least expensive means possible. 	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	n/a
Licensing Assistance	\$100 per child up to \$200 per family per calendar year (January through December)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports to promote licensing of a foster home for a specific child. • Safety items required to meet State and federal foster care licensing standards to include but are not limited to smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers. • For licensed foster homes, for specific child only. 	*Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	n/a
Resource Parent Training	One time cost not to exceed \$150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for Resource Families that supports and promotes child safety CPR and First Aid training for infants and children. 	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	n/a
Emergent One-time Items	Essential items not to exceed \$300 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency items for the health, safety, personal care, and well-being of a child, not covered elsewhere in the Matrix or within the foster care stipend, and after all other resources have been exhausted including IL for age 16 plus and ISA. 	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	n/a