

### Foster Care Maintenance Coding Desk Guide

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		<i>ALL COST MUST BE REASONABLE, THAT IS, NO MORE THAN CUSTOMARY COSTS</i>		<i>EXPENDITURES NOT SPECIFICALLY STATED BELOW WOULD NEED PRIOR OCFS CWCS APPROVAL PER 18 NYCRR 427.3 (c)(4)</i>
61*	Regular Service and Maintenance	The term "foster care maintenance payments" means payments to cover the cost of (and the cost of providing) food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, school supplies, a child's personal incidentals, liability insurance with respect to a child, reasonable travel to the child's home for visitation, and <i>reasonable travel for the child to remain in the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of placement</i> *. In the case of institutional care, such term shall include the reasonable costs of administration and operation of such institution as are necessarily required to provide the items described in the preceding sentence - Per SSL §475 (4)(A). Allowed FP based on eligibility/placement rules and MSAR. Districts are required to pay at the MSAR for Congregate Care facilities. Anything over the MSAR for the care and maintenance of a child is to be claimed NR, that includes using other POS types for the additional costs. Payments not FP eligible are FNP, unless allowed per another Federal Program regulations. <i>*The school transportation portion of the definition of foster care maintenance was added after EAF was grandfathered, therefore this expenditure is not eligible for EAF funding.</i>		
62*	Emergency Service and Maintenance			
8A*	Planned Respite Placement for Foster Families	Temporary respite placement is allowed if the foster child is placed with a licensed foster care provider. Per Federal Child Welfare Policy Manual (FCWPM) 8.3B.1 Q 10. Title IV-E and EAF reimbursement must not be claimed for POS 8A/8B and POS 61/62 for overlapping time periods.		Allowed. Must be for at least 24 hours, maximum 21 consecutive days, 7 consecutive days must elapse between respite episodes and a yearly maximum of 49 days - Per 18 NYCRR Part 435
8B*	Crisis Respite Placement for Foster Families			
8D*	Minor Parent/Child Foster Care	Allowed federal participation. No other Foster Care POS types allowed with 8D.		Allowed. No other Foster Care POS types allowed with 8D.
8F*	Foster Care Fair Hearing	Allowed FP if hearing relates to and meets Foster Care Maintenance (see POS 61/62 for definition), expenditure meets eligibility/placement and MSAR rules. Payments not FP eligible are FNP. Must have court documentation available to substantiate expenditure.		
8R	College Room & Board	Not Eligible		Allowed - Per SSL §398(10); 18 NYCRR 628.3(a)(3)
63*	Additional Per Diem	Allowed for rate adjustments when POS 61/62 cannot be used. <b>Other expenditures need prior OCFS approval.</b>		Allowed as instructed by OCFS CWCS Per 18 NYCRR 427.3 (c)(4)
47	Compensation to Foster Parents for Damages/Losses	Not Eligible		Allowed - Per 18 NYCRR 427.3 (c)(2)(x) - Submitted in writing to SSD within 30 days of foster parent becoming aware of damage, limited to \$1,000/foster child/boarding home over a 2 year period.
66*	School Expense	School Supplies allowed, per FCWPM 8.3B Q 1. As identified on the School District issued supplies list. Graduation fees are additionally allowed as an occasional "personal incidental"		Allowed - books, activity fees, cost of field trips, club dues, school jewelry, school pictures, art supplies, and yearbooks - Per 18 NYCRR 427.3 (c)(2)(ii)
67*	Initial Clothing	Allowed at initial placement, initial change of seasons and at "re-placement" in a new home/facility. Per FCWPM 8.3B Q1		Allowed
68	Replacement Clothing	Allowed. Use to replenish child's clothing due to damage, loss, growth. Per FCWPM 8.3B Q1		Allowed
69	Special Attire	Not Eligible		Allowed for proms, religious observance and graduation, and for circumstances or occasions, such as school attendance or scouting activities, in which uniforms are necessary items of clothing - Per 18 NYCRR 427.3 (c)(2)(i)
70*	Lessons	Allowed as occasional "personal incidental" only cost of actual lesson. No peripheral/supplies costs to participate in the lesson. Per FCWPM 8.3B.1 Q 9		Allowed music, art, and dancing lessons, and the purchase or rental of items needed to take part in such activities - Per 18 NYCRR 427.3 (c)(2)(iii)
71	Gifts	Not Eligible		Allowed for birthdays, holidays and other special occasions - Per 18 NYCRR 427.3 (c)(2)(iv)
74*	Non-Medical Needs of Handicapped Children	Only for diapers for children <u>over 4</u> as a "personal incidental" - Per FCWPM 8.3B.1 Q 9.	Allowed therapy, counseling and diapers for children over 4.	Allowed including special equipment or clothing that is not covered by medical assistance, which arise from the child's handicap - Per 18 NYCRR 427.3 (c)(2)(xii)
79*	Diaper Allowance	Up to age of 4 as "personal incidental" - Per FCWPM 8.3B.1 Q9		Allowed costs of diapers for a child from birth to the date of child's fourth birthday - Per 18 NYCRR 427.3 (c)(2)(xiii)

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72*	Transportation - For Regular School attendance when Public Transportation is Necessary	Allowed to enable the child to remain in the school in which the child was enrolled at the time of placement - Per FCWPM 8.3B.1 Q 4. <u>Must have transportation log</u> - who was transported, purpose, dates, start/end location, total mileage, rate and total cost.	Not Eligible	Allowed - Per 18 NYCRR 427.3 (c)(2)(v)
73*	Transportation- Unusual Transportation Costs	Allowed. Foster Parent(s) cost to attend school conferences - Per FCWPM 8.3B.1 Q 4. <u>Must have transportation log.</u>	Not Eligible	
		Allowed. Child's cost to and from visits with bio-parents/relatives - Per FCWPM 8.3B.1 Q 4. <u>Must have transportation log.</u>		
83*	Foster Care Babysitting	Allowed during the foster parent(s) working hours when the foster child is not in school. Also allowed to enable the foster parent to attend required administrative case/judicial reviews, required case conferences/team meetings and mandatory foster parent training. The child care services must be provided by a provider that is licensed, certified or hold formal status under State or local regulation to provide child care. <u>The cost of non-regulated episodic care is included in the POS 61 payment.</u> - Per FCWPM 8.3B1 Q3.		Allowed day care and baby-sitting services when necessary for the care and supervision of a child in foster care - Per 18 NYCRR 427.3 (c)(2)(vi)
8T*	Infant and Toddler Supplies	Allowed as a "personal incidental" - occasional, as needed purchases of infant/toddler supplies - Per FCWPM 8.3B.1 Q 9. Such as crib, highchair, car seat, etc..		Allowed special furniture/equipment for the care of children in foster care such as cribs, high chairs, and car seats - Per 18 NYCRR 427.3 (c)(2)(vii)
8V*	Activity Fees	Allowed for "Personal Incidentals" - occasional, as needed purchases of fees related to activities - Allowed Per FCWPM 8.3B.1 Q9. Such as scouts, recreation sports leagues, etc.		Allowed - Per NYCRR 427.3 (c)(2)(ii) and (iii)
8S*	Special Dietary Foods	Allowed for "Personal Incidentals" - occasional, as needed purchases of special dietary foods - Allowed Per FCWPM 8.3B.1 Q9.		Allowed - Per 18 NYCRR 427.3 (c)(2)(xii)
8U*	Admission Fees and Club Dues	Allowed for "Personal Incidentals" - occasional cost of tickets/admission fees for sporting/entertainment/cultural events/dues for clubs. - Allowed Per FCWPM 8.3B.1 Q9.		Allowed - Per NYCRR 427.3 (c)(2)(ii)
8G	Hobbies and Recreation	Not Eligible		Allowed - special recreational/hobby expenditures including travel expenses such as lodging, tools and the costs of transportation, entry or use fees, uniforms and materials. These expenditures are limited to \$400 per calendar year per foster child - Per 18 NYCRR 427.3 (c)(2)(ix)
8Z	One-on-One Aides	Not Eligible, automatic NR.		
DC*	Day Camp Fees	Allowed subject to the same eligibility rules, limitations and conditions as POS 83 - Per FCWPM 8.3B1 Q3		Allowed day camp or residential summer camp costs, including registration and transportation expenses. Reimbursement for residential summer camp fees is available for a maximum of two weeks - Per 18 NYCRR 427.3(c)(2)(xi)
OC	Overnight Camp Fees	Not Eligible		
64	Education Rate - Private on Campus Schools	Not Eligible	Tuition for children in institution's approved on-campus education program or that of a special act school district. <i>*FCBG funding for Tuition is not available for NYC</i>	
65	Tuition - Public Schools	Not Eligible		

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