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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF MEMORANDUM

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Memo No. 2

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHILD WELFARE PROVIDER RATE IMPLEMENTATION

FROM: Anne Sappenfield, Senior Staff Attorney

RE: Information From the Department of Children and Families Relating to Trends in Treatment Foster Home Rates and Distribution of Children in Placements Based Upon the Rate Charged for the Placement

DATE: October 12, 2009

At the September 23, 2009 meeting of the Special Committee on Child Welfare Provider Rate Implementation, committee members requested information from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) relating to trends in treatment foster care administrative rates and on the most commonly charged rate for placements in treatment foster care homes, group homes, and residential care centers (RCC).

There are two enclosures with this Memo. The first enclosure contains information on the median and mean administrative and maintenance rates for treatment foster care and the percent changes in those rates from 2001 to 2008.

The second enclosure sets forth the number of children placed in group homes, RCCs, and treatment foster care home and the percentage of children in these placements broken down by the cost range of each placement type on September 30, 2009. The enclosure also shows the total monthly costs for the placements in that range and the percentage of the total monthly cost of all placements in each type for each range. Because the report contains information from placements on a particular day, the monthly cost data is an extrapolation combining the cost information and the number of children in each placement to estimate the monthly cost for each cost range of each placement type.

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Enclosures

## Treatment Foster Care Rate Analysis by Subtype

### Raw Rates

Age 0-4		Administrative		Maintenance	
Year	Basic Payment	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
2001	\$302	\$1,206	\$1,189	\$1,038	\$1,038
2002	\$302	\$1,405	\$1,311	\$1,068	\$1,131
2003	\$302	\$1,088	\$1,171	\$1,110	\$1,047
2004	\$302	\$1,108	\$1,039	\$974	\$957
2005	\$302	\$1,106	\$1,170	\$1,131	\$1,171
2006	\$317	\$1,293	\$1,341	\$1,106	\$1,123
2007	\$317	\$1,411	\$1,457	\$1,160	\$1,188
2008	\$333	\$1,461	\$1,670	\$1,238	\$1,300

### Raw Percent

Age 0-4		Administrative		Maintenance	
Basic Payment		Median	Mean	Median	Mean
n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
0.00%		16.53%	10.25%	2.92%	8.94%
0.00%		-22.60%	-10.67%	3.91%	-7.47%
0.00%		1.84%	-11.27%	-12.25%	-8.61%
0.00%		-0.12%	12.61%	16.16%	22.42%
4.97%		16.84%	14.62%	-2.27%	-4.10%
0.00%		9.16%	8.62%	4.94%	5.75%
5.05%		3.53%	14.64%	6.66%	9.47%

### Raw Rates

Age 5-11		Administrative		Maintenance	
Year	Basic Payment	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
2001	\$329	\$1,123	\$1,111	\$1,082	\$1,118
2002	\$329	\$1,279	\$1,249	\$1,131	\$1,203
2003	\$329	\$1,217	\$1,207	\$1,205	\$1,291
2004	\$329	\$1,229	\$1,392	\$1,239	\$1,263
2005	\$329	\$1,310	\$1,315	\$1,256	\$1,367
2006	\$346	\$1,340	\$1,378	\$1,217	\$1,320
2007	\$346	\$1,433	\$1,250	\$1,196	\$1,250
2008	\$363	\$1,516	\$1,515	\$1,267	\$1,354

### Raw Percent

Age 5-11		Administrative		Maintenance	
Basic Payment		Median	Mean	Median	Mean
n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
0.00%		13.89%	12.38%	4.54%	7.59%
0.00%		-4.80%	-3.30%	6.54%	7.34%
0.00%		0.92%	15.26%	2.76%	-2.16%
0.00%		6.59%	-5.49%	1.43%	8.21%
5.17%		2.28%	4.77%	-3.12%	-3.46%
0.00%		6.99%	-9.26%	-1.76%	-5.24%
4.91%		5.81%	21.19%	5.94%	8.25%

### Raw Rates

Age 12-14		Administrative		Maintenance	
Year	Basic Payment	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
2001	\$375	\$1,157	\$1,148	\$1,170	\$1,208
2002	\$375	\$1,213	\$1,215	\$1,196	\$1,242
2003	\$375	\$1,251	\$1,224	\$1,307	\$1,317
2004	\$375	\$1,239	\$1,214	\$1,205	\$1,293
2005	\$375	\$1,275	\$1,219	\$1,267	\$1,300
2006	\$394	\$1,385	\$1,334	\$1,329	\$1,335
2007	\$394	\$1,464	\$1,357	\$1,288	\$1,357
2008	\$414	\$1,625	\$1,609	\$1,364	\$1,436

### Raw Percent

Age 12-14		Administrative		Maintenance	
Basic Payment		Median	Mean	Median	Mean
n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
0.00%		4.81%	5.92%	2.22%	2.79%
0.00%		3.11%	0.72%	9.23%	6.04%
0.00%		-0.96%	-0.85%	-7.75%	-1.78%
0.00%		2.93%	0.39%	5.12%	0.55%
5.07%		8.60%	9.45%	4.91%	2.70%
0.00%		5.70%	1.72%	-3.15%	1.60%
5.08%		11.01%	18.57%	5.93%	5.88%

### Raw Rates

Age 15+		Administrative		Maintenance	
Year	Basic Payment	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
2001	\$391	\$1,189	\$1,240	\$1,022	\$1,010
2002	\$391	\$1,144	\$1,214	\$1,161	\$1,156
2003	\$391	\$1,238	\$1,178	\$1,185	\$1,240
2004	\$391	\$1,239	\$1,168	\$1,253	\$1,307
2005	\$391	\$1,176	\$1,229	\$1,275	\$1,354
2006	\$411	\$1,266	\$1,291	\$1,291	\$1,355
2007	\$411	\$1,343	\$1,382	\$1,305	\$1,382
2008	\$432	\$1,367	\$1,469	\$1,350	\$1,375

### Raw Percent

Age 15+		Administrative		Maintenance	
Basic Payment		Median	Mean	Median	Mean
n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
0.00%		-3.77%	-2.09%	13.61%	14.50%
0.00%		8.19%	-2.96%	2.09%	7.26%
0.00%		0.15%	-0.86%	5.74%	5.38%
0.00%		-5.08%	5.23%	1.74%	3.57%
5.12%		7.60%	5.03%	1.25%	0.12%
0.00%		6.07%	7.06%	1.08%	1.96%
5.11%		1.83%	6.30%	3.45%	-0.52%

Cumulative      15.03%   18.48%

#### Footnotes

1 Data Earlier than 2001 is not available

2 Date from 2001 to 2003 are not as sound as from 2004 forward, because of WiSACWIS implementation phase-in from 2001-2004

PLACEMENT_TYPE	MONTHLY COST_RANGE	COUNT_OF CHILDREN	%_OF CHILDREN	TOTAL_MONTHLY COST_FOR_RANGE	%_OF COST
Group Home	\$3000 or less	3	0.88%	2,775	0.14%
Group Home	\$3001-\$3500	13	3.80%	44,553	2.23%
Group Home	\$3501-\$4000	36	10.53%	142,856	7.16%
Group Home	\$4000-\$4500	8	2.34%	34,732	1.74%
Group Home	\$4501-\$5000	43	12.57%	207,703	10.41%
Group Home	\$5000-\$5500	30	8.77%	161,501	8.09%
Group Home	\$5501-\$6000	80	23.39%	468,368	23.47%
Group Home	\$6000-\$6500	34	9.94%	210,441	10.55%
Group Home	\$6501-\$7000	24	7.02%	161,399	8.09%
Group Home	\$7000-\$7500	25	7.31%	179,536	9.00%
Group Home	\$7501-\$8000	25	7.31%	190,280	9.53%
Group Home	Over \$8000	21	6.14%	191,481	9.60%
SUBTOTAL		342		1,995,625	
RCC	\$7000 or less	53	13.42%	178,841	5.43%
RCC	\$7000-\$8000	76	19.24%	595,824	18.10%
RCC	\$8000-\$9000	128	32.41%	1,102,200	33.48%
RCC	\$9000-\$10000	111	28.10%	1,055,178	32.05%
RCC	\$12000-\$14000	23	5.82%	290,287	8.82%
RCC	\$14000-\$16000	1	0.25%	14,109	0.43%
RCC	\$16000-\$18000	1	0.25%	17,480	0.53%
RCC	\$18000-\$20000	1	0.25%	18,071	0.55%
RCC	Over \$20000	1	0.25%	20,184	0.61%
SUBTOTAL		395		3,292,174	
Treatment Foster Home	\$500 or less	262	23.65%	10,200	0.64%
Treatment Foster Home	\$501-\$1000	21	1.90%	19,177	1.21%
Treatment Foster Home	\$1001-\$1250	25	2.26%	30,069	1.90%
Treatment Foster Home	\$1250-\$1500	168	15.16%	240,343	15.17%
Treatment Foster Home	\$1501-\$1750	255	23.01%	409,361	25.85%
Treatment Foster Home	\$1750-\$2000	191	17.24%	361,222	22.81%
Treatment Foster Home	\$2001-\$2500	96	8.66%	208,160	13.14%
Treatment Foster Home	\$2500-\$3000	44	3.97%	126,124	7.96%
Treatment Foster Home	\$3001-\$3500	32	2.89%	99,200	6.26%
Treatment Foster Home	Over \$3500	14	1.26%	79,965	5.05%
SUBTOTAL		1108		1,583,821	

Note: Treatment foster home cost data is for only the administrative portion of rate to the TFC agency.

Source: eWiSACWIS ad hoc report 10/7/09

Cost data modified to reflect full annual monthly cost. Actual cost is less for children who have stays of less than a full month.