

Adopting the Missouri Model in Wisconsin: Changes and Considerations Financing of Daily Rate

A. Daily rate comparisons between MO-DYS and WI-DJC secure facilities, FY 08

Cost Category	Missouri	Wisconsin
Daily rate	\$165.00 (preliminary)	\$259.00
Fringe benefits	Not included in daily rate	\$72.54
Mental health care	Not included in daily rate	\$15.25
Health care	Not included in daily rate	\$3.17
Net daily rate	\$165.00	\$168.04

B. Funding for educational services in state facilities

Missouri	Wisconsin
Although education costs are included in the MO-DYS daily rate for secure placements, they are funded through the MO Dept of Elementary and Secondary Education. MO-DYS is treated like a school district and funded accordingly.	In FY 08, the \$6,484,000 budgeted cost of education services in state facilities (including fringe benefits for staff) is funded by \$30.47 of the daily rate charged to counties.

Changes needed to adopt Missouri Model:

Pay for medical and treatment services through federally-funded or state-only Medicaid, and educational services via state school aids.

1. State-only and federally-reimbursed Medicaid
 - Determine standards for federally-reimbursable settings for Medicaid purposes, for example what degree of physical security is allowable.
 - Establish a state-only Medicaid eligibility category for youth in secure settings that are not eligible for federal funding.
2. State school funds
 - Add WI-DJC schools to state school aids and determine a funding formula as well as whether aids would be received from DPI or from a youth's school district.
 - If 100% of education costs were funded by GPR, as is the case for state-run schools such as the School for the Blind, the daily rate would decrease by \$30.47. If 2/3 of education costs were funded through GPR, as is the case for local public schools, this would remove \$4.34 million, or \$20.41 from the daily rate.
 - For an estimated 570 students, annual funding could be \$3.1 million (\$14.58 of daily rate) if based on WI-DPI 2008-09 average per-student equalization aids.