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Dcf payment schedule 2023 massachusetts

DCF Foster Family/Kinship Social Worker (FFSW/KSW) This social worker is your support worker that will develop an ongoing relationship with foster parent(s), to help understand their strengths and challenges. This support worker engages in regular communication with foster parent(s) and foster children in the home to support the foster parent's caregiving capacity. DCF License and Training Social Worker (LTSW) This social worker works with families to complete of the licensing activities in order to license the foster home. This social worker also works with families to ensure they receive ongoing training. DCF Ongoing or Adoption Worker This social worker is assigned to the foster child in your home. You will be in contact with them regarding the child's history, treatment needs, medical/dental care, education (including IEP), parent child visit schedule, the ongoing court case, PACT, placement letter and out of town travel permission. The social worker will also see the child in your home during placement visits. If you are having trouble reaching them, try their Supervisor! Social workers at DCF are generally in the field four days a week, and in the office once a week on their "duty day". Adoption Journeys (800) 972-2734 Adoption Journeys provides post-adoption support services to any family that has finalized an adoption of a child band resides in Massachusetts. Families who have legalized a permanent guardianship of a child may also receive services. The program is funded by DCF and services are provided by a contracted agency. Families may learn more about the support services by calling or visiting the following website: . DCF Adoption/Guardianship Subsidy Program & Guardianship Subsidy Program - The Adoption & Guardianship Subsidy programs both include the availability of a Tuition Waiver for any child whose adoption or guardianship was sponsored by DCF. All requests for the Tuition Waiver Certificate must be accompanied by a letter which includes the name of the adoptive parent(s) or guardian(s), the current mailing address, the child's name, and a copy of the child's birth certificate. Requests and inquiries should be sent to: Massachusetts Department of Children & Families, Attention: Subsidy Unit / Tuition Waiver, 600 Washington Street, 6th floor, Boston, MA 02111. Ask a question of the DCF Adoption/Guardianship Subsidy Unit. DCF Child Care (617) 748-2209 When a foster parent is in need of child care and/or after school programs for children from birth to 13 years old, they should discuss their needs with their Family Resource Social Worker. The Family Resource Social Worker in conjunction with child's Social Worker will initiate a referral through the Area Office if child care is deemed appropriate. If there are child care questions or concerns please work with your Social Worker to have it resolved with the appropriate staff at the Area Office. If there are access issues, questions or concerns that remain unresolved at the area office, please call the number listed above.



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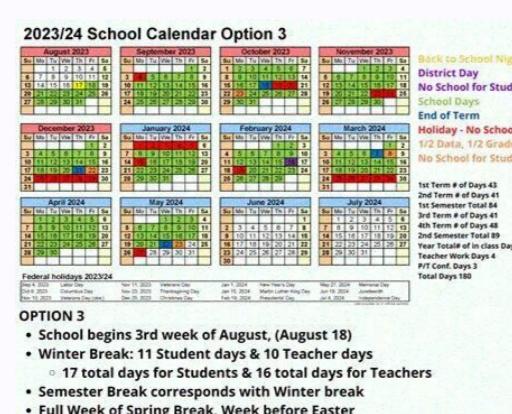
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[Established patients]		
HCPSCS code	CY 2018 Current payment under the new schedule	CY 2019 Proposed payment under the new schedule
99001	\$45	\$44
99002	110	135
99003	110	135
99004	110	135
99005	211	148

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[Established patients]		
HCPSCS code	Current payment rate	Proposed payment rate
99011	\$22	\$24
99012	74	80
99013	74	80
99014	120	135
99015	120	135

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Period of Service Delivery	Payroll Run Date	Check Date	Electronic Funds Receipt Date
July 1-July 15	19-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul
July 16-July 31	2-Aug	4-Aug	5-Aug
Aug 1-Aug 15	16-Aug	18-Aug	19-Aug
August Quarterly Clothing	17-Aug	19-Aug	22-Aug
Aug 16-Aug 31	6-Sep	8-Sep	9-Sep
Sept 1-Sept 15	20-Sep	22-Sep	23-Sep
Sept 16-Sept 30	4-Oct	6-Oct	7-Oct
Oct 1-Oct 15	18-Oct	20-Oct	21-Oct
Oct 16-Oct 31	1-Nov	3-Nov	4-Nov
Nov 1-Nov 15	15-Nov	17-Nov	18-Nov
*Holiday/November Quarterly	16-Nov	18-Nov	21-Nov
Nov 16-Nov 30	6-Dec	8-Dec	9-Dec
Dec 1-Dec 15	20-Dec	22-Dec	23-Dec
Dec 16-Dec 31	3-Jan	5-Jan	6-Jan
Jan 1-Jan 15	17-Jan	19-Jan	20-Jan
Jan 16-Jan 31	31-Jan	2-Feb	3-Feb
Feb 1-Feb 15	21-Feb	23-Feb	24-Feb
February Quarterly Clothing	22-Feb	24-Feb	27-Feb
Feb 16-Feb 28	7-Mar	9-Mar	10-Mar
Mar 1-Mar 15	21-Mar	23-Mar	24-Mar
Mar 16-Mar 31	4-Apr	6-Apr	7-Apr
Apr 1-Apr 15	18-Apr	20-Apr	21-Apr
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May 16-May 31	6-Jun	8-Jun	9-Jun
June 1-June 15	20-Jun	22-Jun	23-Jun
June 16-June 30	4-Jul	6-Jul	7-Jul

* Holiday Bonus - We will run on Dec 6th, Dec 20th and Jan 3rd for those providers that missed the Nov. 16th issuance date.
 * Clothing will be run the day after the 1st to 15th service delivery period on a separate payroll.
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 * The Department urges Foster Parents/Adoptive parents to register for Direct Deposit, for information please call the Department's Payment Assistance Line (PAL) 1-800-621-8218.

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They are available to provide information and support to foster parents who are involved in 51A allegations, investigations, talk about how to handle issues unique to foster parents such as birth parent visitation or coping with grief when foster children leave your home, provide information about foster and adoptive parent rights, help foster parents resolve DCF related problems such as dealing with court addressed issues, and resolve problems with DCF staff and providers. Medical Social Workers/Medical social workers will be available to you (either in person or via telephone or electronic communication).

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) offers a range of support services to foster parents and the children they look after. These services include support groups and parenting advice for foster parents. DCF also provides health care coverage for foster children on a stipend to foster parents to cover the cost of providing daily care to the foster children residing in their home. When you're a foster parent, you'll work with a family resource worker who visits your home every other month or as needed. Your foster child will also have a social worker assigned to them through DCF. These 2 contacts can help you navigate the services available and get support when you need it. Kid's Net provides a range of support services to foster parents, including: The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC) Kid's Net Program provides a range of services to connect foster and kinship families to the information, resources, respite and support networks they need to address the unique challenges that come with raising foster children. Kid's Net Connection - An evening helpline is available from 5:00pm-9:00am weekdays and 24 hours on weekends (800) 486-3730. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: The Commission's primary purpose is to serve as a resource to the Commonwealth on issues affecting grandparents and all relatives raising grandchildren. WonderFund The Wonderfund is a private, nonprofit, 501(c)3 that serves children engaged with the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families. We provide comfort and dignity to children in traumatic situations and enrich childhoods that have been impacted by abuse and neglect. Support Groups Foster or pre-adoptive parent support groups are available across Massachusetts. These groups usually meet once a month and give parents the opportunity to get together, share their experiences, and learn. DCF provides a daily stipend and a clothing allowance every 3 months for each foster child in your home. The amount is determined by their ages. The new daily rates effective July 1, 2022 are as follows: Child's age Daily stipend Clothing allowance 0-5 \$27.79 \$275.97 6-12 \$31.49 \$284.64 13 or older \$32.90 \$342.43 You'll also receive \$50 to help pay for a birthday gift and \$100 for holiday gifts for each foster child each year. You may also be reimbursed for other expenses in special circumstances depending on your foster child's needs. Contact your foster care social worker for more information. If you're having issues with receiving payments, call the Payment Assistance Line at (800) 632-8218 or (617) 748-2442. MassHealth provides all foster children with: Health coverage Dental coverage Mental health coverage Payment for some medications Your foster child's biological parents should continue to be involved in their medical care whenever possible.

If you're fostering a child under the age of 5, they're also eligible for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program. WIC provides young children and their guardians: Nutrition counseling Food Referrals to health services If you're a foster parent to an adolescent, there are a variety of support services and scholarships available. Ask your social worker to connect you with DCF's Adolescent Outreach Services.