

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
GOVERNMENT OF GUAM
AGANA, GUAM

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 85-17

MONTHLY FOSTER CARE RATES FOR CHILDREN

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, by authority vested by P.L. 9-147, administers and finances various programs which provide care for children in out-of-home settings, and

WHEREAS, Section 9102 of the Government Code of Guam bestows upon the Director the duty to promulgate rules and regulations governing the administration of public assistance and child welfare services; and

WHEREAS, payment standards for foster care have not been adjusted for the past twelve (12) years, while Guam's Consumer Price Index (CPI) continue to increase moderately on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate schedule seeks to increase foster care rates by 95%; to provide an automatic five (5%) percent cost of living allowance annually; to establish flat fees for Emergency Receiving Homes; and to increase the clothing allowance rate by 95% effective October 1, 1985, along with an annual 5% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase for clothing beginning October 1, 1986; and

WHEREAS, the proposed foster care rates were presented in a public hearing in accordance with the Administrative Adjudication Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 9102, Government Code, the attached schedule entitled, "Foster Care Rates" is hereby approved and promulgated by this Order and shall be in force and effect from October 1, 1985.

All prior rules and regulations setting fees to be paid by the Department of Public Health and Social Services for the purposes stated herein are superseded by this order and shall be of no further force or effect.

Executive Order 73-31 is specifically repealed.

Dated at Agana, Guam this 16th day of October, 1985.

RICARDO J. BORDALLO
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:



EDWARD D. REYES
Lieutenant Governor of Guam

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES
FOSTER CARE RATES
(Effective FY 1986)

The Department of Public Health and Social Services hereby adopts the following rates:

I. BASIC FOSTER FAMILY/SHELTER GROUP HOME:

<u>0-11 Years</u>	<u>12-17 Years</u>
\$195.00	\$263.00

II. COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE (COLA):

Beginning in FY 1987, and annually thereafter, the basic foster care rates will be increased by five (5%) percent, as per the following schedule.

	<u>0-11 Years</u>	<u>12-17 Years</u>
FY 1987	\$204.00	\$276.00
FY 1988	214.00	290.00
FY 1989	225.00	304.00
FY 1990	236.00	319.00

III. EMERGENCY RECEIVING HOMES:

The department will contract emergency receiving homes to receive a monthly retainer fee for emergency placements.

The following conditions will apply:

- A. A monthly retainer fee of \$200.00 for a total of three (3) bed spaces will be made, even if no child was placed during the month.
- B. If any placement is made by agency staff, the department will reimburse the contractee an additional amount based on the daily rate per child.
- C. The maximum length of emergency placement shall be fourteen (14) days.
- D. The maximum number of children that can be placed concurrently in the facility shall be three.
- E. Contractees shall have the same rights and responsibilities as "regular" foster parents, including that of licensure.

IV. SUPPLEMENTAL CLOTHING ALLOWANCE:

- A. To reflect the 95% increase in the basic foster care rate, the clothing allowance will likewise be increased at the same rate as follows:

<u>0-11 yrs.</u>	<u>12-17 yrs.</u>
\$68.00	\$98.00

Clothing allowance will be disbursed, as needed, at the time of initial foster placement, and annually if the child's permanency plan is determined by the agency to be "long-term" placement.

B. COLA increase on clothing allowance:

Concurrently with the COLA adjustment on the basic foster care rates, the clothing allowance will be increased by five (5%) percent annually, as follows:

	<u>0-11 yrs.</u>	<u>12-17 yrs.</u>
FY 1987	\$71.00	\$103.00
FY 1988	75.00	108.00
FY 1989	79.00	113.00
FY 1990	83.00	119.00

A voucher system will be initiated to assure that the necessary clothing needs for the foster child will be met immediately upon placement.

The above rates will be paid only for persons determined to be eligible for services by the Division of Social Services. Payment will be made only to operators of homes or facilities which are licensed or certified by the Division of Social Services. The Division will not be responsible for the cost of care unless placement in the facility was authorized by staff of the Division.