



Clark County Family Services Policy

SUBJECT:

Specialized Rate Settings for Children in Foster Care

Effective Date	Amendment Number	Amendment Effective Date
December 18, 2025	N/A	

SCOPE: Process for obtaining a specialized rate setting for a child to assist licensed out of home caregivers in meeting a child's medical or behavioral needs.

SPECIFIC LEGAL and OTHER REFERENCES:

[NAC 432B](#)

[NRS 432B](#)

PROGRAMS IMPACTED:

Adoption-Permanency
Fiscal
Nurse Case Management
Permanency
Placement
Resource Development and Support

SUMMARY OF CHANGES:

New

The Behavioral Rate Setting Form has been updated to remove the training component for out-of-home caregivers as criteria for approval for Behavioral Rate Settings.

Supersedes:

- Medical Case Management Unit Policies and Procedures (Effective: 10/1/2009)
 - Section 9400. Enhanced Rate for Medically Fragile Children

DEFINITIONS:

For a list of acronyms and a glossary of terms used throughout DFS refer to Acronyms and Glossary located on DFSNet. The following definitions were changed or added during this P&P development or provide additional context:

FORMS, PUBLICATIONS, AND INSTRUCTIONAL (FPI) DOCUMENTS:

Behavioral Rate Setting Referral (FPI Library)
Medically Fragile Rate Setting Referral (FPI Library)

POLICY:

I. Rate Setting for Children Placed in Foster Care

A. Overview

1. Some children, because of their special needs, require that their licensed out-of-home caregivers provide an enhanced level of care.
 - a. CCFS provides additional support to the licensed out-of-home caregivers including training

recommendations and financial assistance based on eligibility.

2. When children with special needs are placed in foster homes, their foster parents may be eligible to receive an enhanced foster care payment.
3. This special rate must be based on the additional care that foster parents must provide the child based on their individual needs.
4. Although some children may meet eligibility criteria for both Medically Fragile and Behavioral Rate settings, if a child meets eligibility criteria for both, only the Medically Fragile referral must be submitted.

II. Areas of Assessment:

A. Behavioral:

1. Emotional care – Care to address mental health, behavioral, and other emotional needs and behaviors, which are not considered typical for the child's age.
2. Physical or personal care – Care to address personal and physical needs beyond the typical needs for a child of this age due to developmental or other concerns.
3. Auxiliary care – Care to address other special needs that are beyond the typical needs and types of supports needed to care for a child of this age.

B. Medically Fragile:

1. Extra time and expenses incurred when caring for a child with exceptional medical needs. The level of care is determined based on the child's medical condition, individual treatment, and care needs as documented by medical professionals who are treating the child for a minimum of the six (6) months preceding the date of the referral. Routine childhood illnesses and/or injuries will not be evaluated as an exceptional need. The Nurse Case Management Unit is ultimately responsible for reviewing referrals and medical documentation to determine eligibility.

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