

468-000-322 LIVING SITUATIONS AND PAYMENT

If you have a choice of programs, use funds in the following order: FC-10 first and FC-30 second. If the ward is placed in the home of a specified relative, the relative has the choice of receiving ADC or a foster care payment. The ADC grant must not be supplemented with FC-30 funds, with the exception of the situations described in Examples 5 and 6.

1. A ward is living in a licensed or approved foster home.

The payment is determined by the foster care payment determination (FCPAY).

- a. If the ward has a child, there would be two foster care units, one for the ward and one for the child. The amount of both payments is determined by the foster care payment determination (FCPAY).

2. A ward is living independently.

The maximum payment is \$351 based on the ward's income and expenses as computed on Form IM-26FC.

- a. If the ward has a child, there would be two units: the ward and an ADC unit for the child. The maximum ADC payment would be \$222; the ward's payment would be computed on Form IM-26FC showing the ADC payment as income.

3. A ward (FC-10 or 30) is living with an aunt (or another specified relative such as a grandmother, brother, sister, etc.) who is licensed or approved as a foster care provider. The aunt is in an ADC unit with her child.

The aunt has a choice of receiving ADC or foster care for the ward. If the aunt chooses ADC for the ward, the ward would be added to the aunt's unit for a maximum total payment of \$364. If the aunt chooses foster care for the ward, the amount of the foster care payment would be determined by the foster care payment determination (FCPAY).

- a. If the ward has a child, the aunt would have the choice of including the ward and ward's child in her ADC unit, for a maximum payment of \$435; or she could choose to receive a foster care payment. The ward would be eligible to receive a foster care payment for his/her child. The amount of both foster care payments would be determined by the foster care payment determination (FCPAY).

4. Two wards (Ward A and Ward B) who are siblings are living with their aunt (or another specified relative). The aunt is licensed or approved as a foster care provider. The aunt has too much income to be included in an ADC unit. The aunt has the choice of receiving ADC or foster care for the wards.

If the aunt chooses ADC, there would be one ADC unit with a maximum payment of \$293. If the aunt chooses foster care, there would be two foster care units, the amount determined by the foster care payment determination (FCPAY).

- a. If Ward A has a child and is receiving a foster care grant, Ward A and her child would be in two foster care units, the amount determined by the foster care payment determination (FCPAY).
 - b. If Ward A has a child and the aunt is receiving ADC for Ward A, the ward's child would be added to the ADC unit, unit of 3 (Ward A, Ward A's child, and Ward B), with a maximum payment of \$364.
5. A Department ward is placed in the home of her mother. The mother is receiving ADC for herself and another child.

The ward's foster care case would be closed and the ward would be added to the mother's ADC unit. The maximum payment would be \$364. If the mother would be unable to keep the ward in her home without special assistance, a special payment may be authorized. If the payment is for the ward, Human Services may authorize a payment from FC-30 funds; if the payment is for the parent, a District representative may authorize payment from Family Support funds.

- a. If the ward has a child, the ward's child would also be added to the ADC unit, with a maximum payment of \$435.
6. A Department ward is placed in the home of his/her parents. The parents are not eligible for ADC.

The ward may receive medical assistance through Ribicoff or MAC if otherwise eligible. The ward would not be eligible for a grant. If the parents would be unable to keep the ward in their home without special assistance, a special payment may be authorized. If the payment is for the ward, Human Services may authorize a payment from FC-30 funds; if the payment is for the parents, a District representative may authorize payment from Family Support or Family Preservation funds.

7. A ward is living in a group home, child caring agency, or institution.

Payment would be made according to the rate in the agreement or contract. If there is no agreement or contract, the maximum payment would be established by the foster care payment determination (FCPAY).

- a. If the ward has a child, there would be two foster care cases: one for the ward and another one for the ward's child. The amount of the ward's payment would be determined by the rate in the agreement or contract or the amount determined by the foster care payment determination (FCPAY) if there is no agreement or contract. The amount of the child's payment would be determined by the agreement or contract if a rate is specified for the child of a ward. If no rate is specified or if there is no agreement or contract, the child's payment would be determined by the foster care payment determination (FCPAY).

8. A former ward is living in an apartment.

The maximum payment is \$351 based on the former ward's income and expenses as computed on Form IM-26FC.

- a. If the former ward has a child, the former ward has the choice of applying for ADC for herself and the child, or receiving former ward services for herself only. If the former ward chooses to receive former ward assistance, she may apply for medical assistance for the child separately.

9. A ward or a former ward is living in a dormitory.

The Department will pay the dorm fees, either directly to the school or to the former ward. The former ward may receive a grant of \$100 maximum for his/her other needs, including meals that are not provided by the dorm. To determine the grant amount, you will do a budget on Form IM-26FC. Show shelter and food costs as expenses and the monthly amount for dorm fees as unearned income.