

N-FOCUS Service Descriptions

ABFC CONTINUITY PLACEMENT (4453) – IV-E:

Out of home care for children who have been, and need to remain in, an agency based foster care home, at a reduced level of care. This service includes all of the elements of out of home maintenance. Therefore, those services cannot be authorized or paid separately or in addition to the ABFC payment, unless otherwise specified in the ABFC contract.

ADDENDUM TO PRETREATMENT ASSESSMENT (4229):

Update to a pretreatment assessment that was conducted within the last 12 months. This is an authorized service. CPT code is H0002-52.

ADOPTION PLACEMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES (6013):

Recruitment of families, adoptive parent support, placement & post placement support services to children & families. Agency must be licensed as child placing agency.

AGENCY SUPPORTED FOSTER CARE (7933) – IV-E:

Out of home placement in a family-like setting for children who cannot remain safely with their families and whose needs exceed what can be met in traditional foster care. Includes agency supported emergency foster care. This service includes all of the elements of Out of Home Maintenance. Therefore, those services cannot be authorized or paid separately or in addition to the ASFC payment, unless otherwise specified in the ASFC contract.

BOOKS (4490) – IV-E:

Books needed by the child for school. See Out of Home Maintenance. This expense is included in Out of Home Maintenance and cannot be authorized separately unless documentation is provided to justify an unusual need for a purchase beyond the maintenance payment.

CLOTHING (5064) – IV-E:

Clothing for the child. See Out of Home Maintenance. This expense is included in Out of Home Maintenance and cannot be authorized separately unless documentation is provided to justify an unusual need for a purchase beyond the maintenance payment. "Unusual need" situations are delineated in the Out of Home Placement and Payment Guidebook, pp. 45-46.

COMMUNITY BASED EVAL-J.O. (8186):

Evaluation and treatment planning for youth who are residing at home or in the community. For juvenile offenders only.

COMMUNITY TREATMENT AID (5890):

Skilled teaching of mental health interventions to the caregiver of a youth at high risk to enter out of home treatment. An authorized service. CPT code G0177-HN.

CONTINUING COMMUNITY TREATMENT AID (3750):

After meeting initial treatment goals, coaching, reinforcement, and maintenance of those goals. CPT code is G0177-52. This is an authorized service.

DAY TREATMENT PSYCH (7981):

Coordinated, individualized therapeutic services to support functioning in normal school/work/home setting. In hosp setting, called partial hospitalization. Authorized service; CPT code H2012-52 & HS012.

DENTAL (4372):

Routine dental services per Medicaid policy.

DETENTION (5657):

Court has ordered that the state ward be placed in a detention facility.

N-FOCUS Service Descriptions

DRUG SCREENING TESTING (8641):

Services to monitor the usage of drugs and/or alcohol by youth who are identified as having a substance abuse problem & education/treatment alone are not successful in modifying behavior.

ELECTRONIC MONITORING (7819):

Electronic surveillance of adolescent youth to ensure they are where they are supposed to be when they are to be there. Use when other less intrusive methods of learning failed to modify behavior.

EMERGENCY FOSTER CARE (1950) – IV-E:

This service is used when a child is placed in the facility type of emergency shelter foster home. This service includes all of the elements of Out of Home Maintenance. Therefore, those services cannot be authorized or paid separately or in addition to the EFC payment, unless otherwise specified in the EFC contract.

EXPEDITE FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCE (2610):

Immediately after removal of child, facilitated meeting involving family, service provider, & children in which the family develops a plan addressing the safety & permanency of the children.

FAMILY ASSESSMENT (7617):

In home assessment of parents/caregivers to assess parenting issues, adult functioning, child functioning, family relationships, communication, socialization of family and abuse issues of the adults.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT (4892):

A service in which the provider identifies family members and the supports available to the family/children using genograms & eco-maps.

FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCE (3159):

Facilitated meeting involving family, service providers & children in which the family develops a plan addressing the safety & permanency of the children.

FOSTER PARENT RESPITE CARE (6246):

Payment to the foster parent for temporary care of child to allow the foster parent relief.

FOSTER PARENT RESPITE IN HOME (3918):

Payment to the foster parent for temporary in home care of child to allow the foster parent relief.

GROUP HOME CARE (9795) – IV-E:

Out of home congregate care. For IV-E purposes, this service can include the elements described under Out of Home Maintenance but cannot include therapy, counseling, or other services that might be considered "treatment". Treatment services provided in a group home setting must be billed separately.

HOME SUPPORTED SERVICES (5352):

Supervision/support services provided to the children outside the family home for less than a 24 hour period. Children remain placed in family home; services support safety during assessment period.

IN HOME SAFETY (1841):

Within two hours of request by DHHS, requires supervision, surveillance & monitoring of children in the family home, even if parent is present. Provided while safety assessment is being conducted.

INITIAL DIAGNOSTIC INTERVIEW (7220):

Supervising practitioner performs a mental status exam, formulates a diagnosis, and develops a treatment plan. CPT code is 90801. This is an authorized service.

N-FOCUS Service Descriptions

INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT PSYCH (5721):

Level of care between day treatment & regular outpatient, designed to prevent placement in residential treatment or as transitional program after a higher level of treatment. Authorized service; CPT code S9480.

INTERVENTION HOURS (7210):

Payment for services provided to a child who has developmental disabilities to meet the child's behavioral, structural or safety needs.

MAINTENANCE WARD'S CHILD (2908) – IV-E:

Payment made on behalf of a child who is not a ward, when the child is in placement with his or her parent, who is a ward. Payment is made to the same placement that is paid for the parent. Prior to the child's birth, the payment is the base foster care payment amount. After the child's birth, the amount is based on the child's score on the payment determination window. (For example, Susie is a ward. She has a child, Jimmy, who is not a ward. Susie is placed in a foster home. Jimmy lives with her, in the same foster home. An out of home maintenance payment is made to the foster parent for Susie and Jimmy.)

MEDIATION & FACILITATION (4946):

Mediation is a small group dispute resolution. Facilitation is large group consensus.

MEDICAL SURGICAL OUT PATIENT (1576):

Medical or surgical care.

MENTAL BEHAVIORAL OUT PATIENT HOSPITAL (3805):

Mental or behavioral health services.

MENTORING SUPPORT SERVICE (4082):

Mentor support services to encourage juvenile and status offenders with street savvy behavior to address problems and concerns during community supervision.

OFF EXAM TREATMENT (4522):

Medical surgical only/lab works.

OJS HOME BASED INTENSIVE SUPERVISION (6953):

In home supervision for youth adjudicated as delinquent. Used to monitor the youth's movement and progress at home and in school.

ORTHODONTICS (7574):

Includes exam, x-ray, molds, and appliances per Medicaid policy.

OUT OF HOME MAINTENANCE (4880) – IV-E:

Payment made for a child who is in out of home care. For purposes of IV-E, the following can be paid as maintenance costs:

The Social Security Act, 475(4) (A) states: "The term 'foster care maintenance payments' means payments to cover the cost of (and the cost of providing) food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, school supplies, a child's personal incidentals, liability insurance with respect to a child, reasonable travel to the child's home for visitation, and reasonable travel for the child to remain in the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of placement." [Liability insurance is provided by the State and therefore cannot be purchased or claimed by a contractor.] For purposes of IV-E, payments for costs of providing care to foster children are not intended to include reimbursement in the nature of a salary for the foster parent's exercise of ordinary parental duties.

If a certain type of service is included in the Out of Home Maintenance Payment, it cannot be authorized and claimed as a separate service.

N-FOCUS Service Descriptions

The following clarification is given for certain services included in Out of Home Maintenance:

1. Daily supervision may include child care while a foster parent works outside of the home (see #3 below).
2. Recreation cannot be authorized unless it clearly substitutes for otherwise necessary daily supervision (e.g., is being used as child care). Reasonable and occasional costs of such items as tickets or other admission fees for events, or dues for clubs can be included as part of the maintenance payment and cannot be authorized separately as "recreation".
3. Child care: Some child care is reimbursable, as an IV-E maintenance cost, but only when it is provided by a provider that is licensed, certified, or approved by the State, and only when it is provided on behalf of a child who is IV-E eligible, in an IV-E eligible placement, that is, a licensed foster home. Child care can be authorized separately from Out of Home Maintenance and paid directly to the Child Care Provider.

Child care is reimbursable ONLY for the following:

- For purposes of supervision while a foster parent works. In cases of a two-parent home, both would have to be at work when the child care is provided.
- Foster parent attendance at administrative or judicial reviews, if the foster parent is required to attend without the child;
- Foster parent attendance at case conferences or team meetings, when the foster parent is mandated to attend, and is not to bring the foster child; or
- Foster parent attendance at mandatory foster parent training;

Child care is NOT reimbursable when it is provided to facilitate the foster parent's participation in activities that are within the realm of "ordinary parental duties", or when it is used for certain purposes for the child:

- Care provided due to a foster parent's illness;
- For respite care;
- Foster parent attendance at school conferences;
- For visits with a child who is temporarily out of the home, e.g., child is hospitalized or at camp;
- Enhancement of a foster child's social skills, peer relationship, or socialization; or
- When a child's special needs are best met in a day care setting.

4. Transportation: Local travel associated with providing food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, school supplies, and a child's personal incidentals is an allowable IV-E expenditure. This cost is presumably included in the basic IV-E foster care maintenance payment. Transportation as a separate item of expense is not allowable except for the following:
 - Reasonable travel to the child's home for visitation, or, if visits cannot be in the child's home, then reasonable travel to another location for the visits at another location (cost of the child's transportation only). These visits can be with parents, siblings, other relatives, or other caretakers. If the transportation is for this purpose, the service type used should be "Transportation Family Visitation";
 - Reasonable travel for the child to remain in the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of placement, or for the foster parent to attend school conferences at that school.
5. Personal Incidentals: This item is not specifically defined in federal statute. The Federal Child Welfare Policy Manual states:
 - These items are typically purchased for the child on an occasional, as-needed basis, and may include a variety of items. Specifically, we consider the following categories of expenditures as examples of "personal incidentals": items related to personal hygiene; cosmetics; over-the-counter medications and special dietary foods; infant and toddler supplies, including high chairs and diapers; fees related to activities, such as Boy/Girl Scouts; special lessons, including horseback riding; graduation fees; funeral expenses; and miscellaneous items such as stamps, envelopes, writing

N-FOCUS Service Descriptions

paper, film and the cost of film development for a personal camera. Further...the "reasonable and occasional" costs of such items as tickets or other admission fees for sporting, entertainment or cultural events or dues for clubs are reimbursable under the foster care maintenance payment as personal incidentals. These may be included in the basic foster care maintenance payment or as a separate payment to the foster parent.

6. Respite: The Federal Child Welfare Policy Manual states:
- Respite to allow for a foster parent temporarily to be away from the child can be included in the out of home maintenance payment but CANNOT be authorized as a separate IV-E service claim allowable IV-E foster care maintenance payment. If a child is placed with a provider for purposes of respite, the payment may be authorized as out of home maintenance. Maintenance payments to the usual foster parent and the respite provider cannot be authorized simultaneously from IV-E.

OUT OF HOME STRUCTURE (5616):

Payment for services provided in a group setting to meet the child's behavioral, structural or safety needs. It does not include maintenance costs.

PERSONAL NEEDS (1500) – IV-E:

Items such as clothing, writing materials, and recreation. Usually the types of items which would be purchased are included in a maintenance payment, as "personal incidentals". However, in residential settings when a source other than child welfare or IV-E is paying room and board, personal needs might not be included as part of the room and board. Therefore, personal needs can be authorized only when a child is living in a psychiatric, medical, or developmental disability setting, and only if they are not being met through another funding source.

PHARMACOLOGICAL MNGMT (2200):

Evaluation of a client's functioning on psychotropic medication(s), made by a medical doctor. An authorized service; CPT code 90862.

PRESCRIPTIONS SUPPLIES 7901):

Drugs, IV needles, formula, prosthetic appliances.

PSYCH CONSULTATION (4294):

Agency requested psych consultation with a mental health provider regarding the mental health needs of the client.

PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING (2156):

Administration of tests in order to diagnose psychological disorders and develop treatment plans. An authorized service. CPT codes are 96101 for 1 hour and 96101-52 for 1/2 hours.

PURCHASED WATER (7184) – IV-E:

Water purchased for purposes of drinking or cooking. This expense usually would be considered to be included under "room and board" in the Out of Home Maintenance payment and therefore would not be authorized separately from IV-E except on an occasional, as-needed basis, e.g., if a disaster occurred, and a foster family needed bottled water for the child.

RESIDENTIAL EVAL - J.O. (8676):

Evaluation and treatment planning in a highly structured, staff-secure, licensed and contracted residential setting.

RESIDENTIAL SAFETY SERVICES (3015) (previously named emergency shelter care) – IV-E:

Temporary out of home placement while the Safety Assessment is being conducted. The rules pertaining to Out of Home Maintenance must be applied.

N-FOCUS Service Descriptions

RESPIRE CARE (7395):

Temporary care of child to allow parent or foster parent relief, paid directly to provider not to parent or foster parent.

RESPIRE IN HM (1113):

Temporary in-home care of child to allow parent or foster parent relief, paid directly to provider not to parent or foster parent.

SPECIAL NEEDS COUNSELING (3080):

Various counseling services for non-Medicaid or managed care eligible families.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE EVAL (2336):

Provides substance abuse evaluation for a state ward or a child who is under 20 years of age. This service will be authorized by the administrative service organization (aso).

TRANSPORTATION FAMILY VISITATION (3773):

Reasonable travel to the child's family home or other location for the purpose of visitation between child and his/her parents, siblings or other relatives. Fed reimbursement for child's travel only.

VISUAL (8044):

Exams, office treatment, lenses, frames.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSORY (9358):

Lifts, wheelchair, walkers.