

Hello.

My name is Veronica Sir and I am the adoption branch manager and I want to thank you for taking the time to participate in the training.

Today today we will be talking about adoption subsidy benefits and frequently asked questions.

So for the purpose of this training, we will be discussing children adopted from foster care by their CBS or PCP foster parents. In order to qualify for subsidy, children must meet one of the below special needs criteria, a physical or mental disability, an emotional or behavioral disorder, a recognized risk of physical, mental or emotional disorder.

A member of a sibling group in which the siblings are placed together, have had a previous adoption disruption or multiple placements, is a member of a racial or ethnic minority and is two years of age or older or is age seven or older.

Subsidy consists of three components, non recurring fees, which is 1,000 dollars per child towards a one time expense, such as attorney fees or court cost.

Monthly maintenance, which is the dollar amount that will be received each month, and this money is to be used towards meeting the needs of the child being adopted and extraordinary medical extraordinary medical specific items or services that are not covered by private insurance or Medicaid.

Monthly maintenance is a monthly dollar amount that is used to support and meet the child's needs.

The amount is based upon the foster care redeem and the child's

level of care.

The amount cannot exceed CBS established rates and the family cannot receive more in monthly maintenance than they did in foster care payments.

A chart of the subsidy rates will be included with this training for your reference.

So how does this impact?

PCP families approve?

PCP families do not have to complete the DCPs approval process.

No additional training is necessary unless it's to meet the specific needs of the child.

Children being adopted as a level 3, 4 or five shall qualify up to the care plus or medically complex rate.

A PCP family meets the care plus standard for children who are leveled 3, 4 or five.

Children being adopted as a level one or 2 shall qualify up to the advanced rate.

Subsidy is calculated using a formula that we will discuss.

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The calculation formula to determine the monthly maintenance rate is the daily amount which is also referred to as the per diem, which is multiplied by 365, divided by 12, and then rounded to the nearest dollar.

Let's talk through some examples.

The first example is a child is a level three and the PCP daily rate to the family is 33 dollars a day, 33 multiplied by 365, divided by 12 and rounded to the nearest dollar is

1,004 dollars per month.

There is no change in the amount that the PCP family will receive because that amount does not exceed DCPs rates.

The second example is the child is age seven, a level two, and the PCP rate to the family is 33 dollars a day.

In this scenario, the corresponding TCBS rate would be used and that would be 26 dollars and 40 cents per day, which is 9,636 dollars per year and 803 dollars per month.

The reason that the CBS rate, which is the advanced rate, is used, is because the family cannot receive more than the CBS established rate.

There are two other examples that you can review at your convenience. We receive a lot of questions from families about when they can expect to receive their payments.

Adoption payments run the third Monday of the month and are deposited the Friday thereafter.

Dam, which is the Division of Administration and Financial Management, which I will refer to quite often through the remainder of the training, assigns workers based upon the family's last name, and those workers are listed below.

Families may also email CHF adoption subsidy at Ky Gov with any questions.

Extraordinary medical expenses may include respite, childcare tutoring orthodontia transportation, mental health services, and special equipment.

It's important to remember that services depend on several things, including the home's approval type, the child's level

of care, and supporting documentation.

For example, medically complex and care plus homes and children receive respect.

There may be a co payment required and Medicaid and private insurance must be exhausted.

First, the co payment will be calculated using the family size and income.

The copayment may be 0 10 15 or 20% of the extraordinary medical cost.

Common questions related to extraordinary medical involve child care.

Child care cannot exceed childcare rates established in the regulation. Child care is a reimbursement and private school and tuition is not considered child care.

We will be providing a childcare rate chart as an attachment to this training.

For your information.

Documentation for childcare for parents who do not work outside of the home and for children over age 13 must be submitted to your RNC worker every six months.

Requests are approved by the SRA or designee.

Child care for children over 13 must include documentation from a physician or qualified mental health professional stating that the child is physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves.

Documentation should include diagnoses and descriptions related to the child's physical or mental incapacity to care for

themselves and their need for supervision.

So a lot of times we receive letters stating the child has ADHD. That letter would not have enough information to approve the request for child care.

The letter would need to state how the ADHD impacts the child and why the supervision is needed in order to be sufficient for the request.

Respite is only available to check to care plus a medically complex. Children and families, surgeries, special equipment, or other therapy services should be discussed with the RNC worker before the adoptive parent makes any payments for these services.

These requests are often staffed with the adoption branch and Am.

Private insurance and Medicaid must be exhausted before DCs can assist with payment.

Also, CBS will require documentation and letters of support for medical professionals to be submitted with these requests.

Families may request to renegotiate their subsidy after the adoption is final, and these requests may include two different types of requests.

First, the requests may be made to include extraordinary medical expenses that are not covered by Medicaid or private insurance. These specific items have been discussed previously during this training and include respite, childcare to tutoring orthodontia mental health services, and special equipment.

Remember, there must be documentation to support these requests

and how they related to the child's needs or conditions.

Another request that the family can make is to increase their rate to the care plus rate.

An example of when this would be appropriate is if the child was adopted at a very young age and later on they display greater needs.

In this situation, the family may request the care plus rate and the worker would review documentation regarding the child's mental health needs and behaviors.

The child would also have to be leveled through Children's review program, also known as CRP, and the child's level must be returned as a level 3, 4, or five, and the child must meet one of the below criteria.

Displays aggressive, destructive, or district displays aggressive, disruptive, or disruptive behavior.

Has a diagnosed emotional or behavioral problem, is scheduled to be released from a treatment facility, is at risk of being placed in a more restrictive setting, is at risk of institutionalization, or has experienced numerous placement disruptions.

In addition to reviewing the child's needs, the adoptive family's training requirements are reviewed.

The adoptive family must meet one of the following, Is currently or was previously a therapeutic foster home through a PCP agency. Is currently or was previously a care plus DCPs home must complete care plus training through DCPs, and this can be completed virtually for families who have since moved out of state.

We often receive questions about if subsidy stops when a child turns 18, the answer is not necessarily.

Children who are still enrolled in high school and they must be attending public school and not home schooling are eligible to continue to receive subsidy until they graduate from high school or turn 19, whichever comes first.

Documentation must be submitted to the RNC worker of the child's continued school enrollment.

This documentation must be submitted within four months of the child's 18 th birthday.

It's best to submit this documentation as soon as possible.

However, back payments cannot be issued beyond the four month time frame.

Another way subsidy may continue beyond 18 is by review of the medical review chain.

This is only for children who are receiving title for a subsidies.

Title for adoption assistance can continue after the age of 18 if an adopted child is determined by the Social Security Administration or by Cabinet medical review team.

To have a disability.

Disability includes an inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity due to any medically determined physical or mental impairments that can be expected to last continually for at least 12 months or to result in death.

The medical card will continue until age 21 for Title 40.

Funded subsidies approve for continuation beyond age 18.

This can be a lengthy process to determine a youth disability.

Therefore, at least six months prior to the youth 18 th birthday, the adoptive family completes a referral for determination for disability a release of information information and provides current supporting documentation.

This documentation may include educational testing, IEPs, medical records or psychiatric hospital records.

When the documents are not submitted timely, there is no guarantee of back payment.

Any questions regarding back payments should be directed to date.

However, families may contact their RNC worker with any questions about the forms or how to submit this information.

Post adoption Placement Stabilization Services These are services that the adoption branch has started to track and consult on more closely.

This is also known as Perhaps.

Perhaps is an optional and supportive service offered to adoptive parents on a voluntary basis.

Adoptive parents may request services if the placement is close to disruption.

Some conditions must be met.

In order to qualify for Pats, the family must have exhausted in home services.

The child must have been leveled through Children's Review Program and be determined to be a Level four or 5.

Parents must be willing to participate in the child's treatment while placed in residential and be willing to work towards

the child returning home and the family subsidy will be reduced to one dollars during the Pats.

Placement Perhaps cannot exceed 90 days in a calendar year.

During the Perhaps period, adoptive parents maintain custody of their child after 90 days.

If the child requires continued treatment, voluntary commitment to the Cabinet is pursued and adoptive parents may contact their assigned RNC worker or subsidy worker to discuss paths.

Other benefits available to adoptive families and children include a medical card, adoption tax credit, tuition waiver, and the tuition waiver.

Is tuition for any public College or University located in Kentucky being waived for any child adopted from CBS with special needs.

The first step is to complete the Faspa and also the tuition waiver for foster and adoptive children form must be completed.

This form is signed by the student or the Guardian if the student is under 18 and return to the educational institution.

These forms are available from Cabinet staff, school counselors, postsecondary institution staff, and vocational rehabilitation counselors. The educational training voucher, also known as the ETV, is available for children who were adopted from CBS when they were 16 years of age or older.

Email Chafe ILP at Ky Gov with any additional questions.

You may also contact the Child's Independent Living Specialist or the Transitional Services Branch for information about the tuition waiver and ETV.

These contacts can also be found in the Adoption Assistance Handbook or on the Kentucky Faces Web page.

As mentioned before, children are eligible for medical coverage. Medicaid eligible children receiving adoption assistance are assigned to an MCO.

The assigned MCO is Etna and to search children in the Kentucky Sky Program, which is a Medicaid riskbased manage care delivery program for the state foster care system.

Any difficulties in obtaining services, including dental, vision and medication or payment for medical services, should be directed to member services at 1-855-446-1245.

Some adopted families have requested information about opting out of Sky.

If a member does not want to participate in the Sky program, they can opt out.

Adopted families may opt in or out at any time.

They may choose to remain with Etna or choose another MCO.

Please call Department of Medicaid Services at 1 806 3-5-2-5-7 or with questions about opting out of the Sky program.

Families may also log on to the Medicaid Self Service Portal at [www O-N-E-C-T-O Ky dot Gov](http://www.O-N-E-C-T-O-Ky.gov) with any questions.

Kentucky has six MCOs that are contracted with Medicaid.

Those MCOs are listed on this slide along with their phone numbers for your reference.

Another program adoptive families may be interested in is the Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program, also known as Kip.

Kip is a program for adoptive children who are eligible for a medical card.

This Medicaid benefit will cover the premium cost for private health insurance.

When the adoptive parent enrolls in this program, you can contact Chip by calling Toll free at 8-554-596-3284 at Chip program at Ky dot Gov with any questions.

Lastly, I want to review the attachments available to you as part of this training and mention some other helpful information.

Each adoptive family has an assigned RNC worker or a subsidy worker that you may contact with any questions.

If you do not know who your worker is, please call the local CBS office.

Also, the list of RNC supervisors are included in the Adoption Assistance Handbook for your reference.

Child care rates are outlined via the DCC 300 and this is provided as an attachment.

The Adoption Assistance Handbook has recently been updated.

It is a wealth of information and a useful tool for you to review, and the Extraordinary Medical Co Payment Chart and Subsidy Rate charts are included in this training.

Again, thank you for your time for completing this training.

I hope I was able to answer some of your questions and that you found the training helpful.

Thank you.