All children and youth belong with family. When children must be temporarily placed away from their families and no appropriate relative care provider is immediately available, DCYF will provide a daily stipend to a foster the family to offset the costs of caring for the child/youth in their home and for the work they do to support the child/youth’s case plan.

**Purpose**

To set the out-of-state foster care rates that Licensed, Permitted or Approved foster family care providers are reimbursed for providing board and care to children/youth in placement.

**Definitions**

“DCYF” or the “Division” means the Department of Health and Human Services’ Division for Children, Youth and Families.

“General Care” means a credential for foster family care where shelter, supervision, and support services are provided.

"Specialized Care" means a credential for foster family care where shelter, supervision, and support services are provided to children/youth identified as needing specialized care, by foster parents who have met the additional training and care requirements pursuant to He-C 6347.

**Policy**

I. Children/youth placed in out-of-state foster homes by DCYF are supported at the established General Care Rates:

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<th>Age of Child</th>
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<td>Birth through 5 years</td>
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II. NH foster parents who are receiving the higher specialized care rate for the child/youth in their care and who move to another state with the child/youth continue to receive the specialized care rate as long as the child/youth remains with the family.

A. The family must apply and receive an approval to operate a foster home in the state in which they are residing.
B. If the child/youth is temporarily placed in a residential treatment program and the foster family continues to be the visiting resource, then the specialized rate is to be re-authorized when the child/youth returns to their home.

III. Specialized care rate is not available to out-of-state providers unless their resident state has a licensing category that is comparable to NH's Foster Family Care Licensing Requirements and documentation of training is provided.

IV. Only the actual days a child/youth resides in the foster family's home are reimbursed. See policy 2701 for payment procedures.

V. To complete the placement and enroll the out-of-state provider, the CPSW/JPPO must work with the Interstate Compact on Placing Children Deputy Compact Administrator pursuant to policy 1585 ICPC When NH is the Sending State.