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CHANGE NOTICE

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MANUAL: APPENDIX 3.5 CHILD WELFARE FUNDING FOSTER CARE & APPENDIX 2 – CPPS MANUAL

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ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE DIRECTORS, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS

RE: REVISIONS TO APPENDIX 3.5 AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR DSS-5094, FIELD 55

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

INTENT: NOTIFICATION OF APPENDIX 3.5 AND CPPS UPDATES

Appendix 3.5 Child Welfare Funding Manual has been revised and updated to incorporate the following required changes in response the Family First Prevention Services Act and federal IV-E regulations:

- Clarify and accurately reflect when administrative costs can be claimed for a IV-E eligible child.
- Addition of the 14-day limit on claiming for maintenance payments for most new group placements made after September 1, 2021.
- Clarification of the differences in maintenance and administrative claiming for children under 18 and young adults 18-21.
- New foster care board rates effective January 1, 2022.

The Child Placement and Payment System report (DSS-5094) Instructions for Field 55 has been revised and policy updated to incorporate the following changes:

- To ensure the correct source of funds is used to reimburse counties for foster care assistance payments
- To ensure that all children eligible for reimbursement of administrative costs are accurately included in the IV-E penetration rates.

The above changes have been made in Appendix 3.5 Child Welfare Funding-Foster Care and Appendix 2 of the CPPS Manual. These manuals can be located at <https://policies.ncdhhs.gov/divisional/social-services/child-welfare/policy-manuals>.

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Riley beth.riley@dhhs.nc.gov or Tina Bumgarner at tina.bumgarner@nc.dhhs.gov .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda L. Waite".

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