

Children's Services Manual Policy Revisions September 2009

Chapter 4.4.8: Adds the requirement of completing a Formal Review when a child is adopted by the foster family.

Chapter 7.6: Update to Children's Services policy pertaining to travel costs - when a child in care travels with a foster parent on a special holiday, the maximum allowance payable per trip is increased from \$300 to \$500. Also, with recent changes to passport requirements for travel outside of Canada, Chapter 7.6.2 was added to provide procedures for obtaining passports for children in care.

Chapter 8.1: Increase to babysitting rates and co-ordination of daily rate with daily respite rate (daily babysitting rate increases from \$30 to \$40 for first child and \$20 for additional children).

Chapter 8.2: Combines Chapters 8.2 and 8.3 to provide foster parents with respite of up to 10 days per year for regular placements and 21 days respite per year for children with disabilities (must have DLSA level of 4 or higher). Daily respite rate is \$40 for first child and \$20 for additional children.

Chapter 8.4: Increase to daily respite rates for therapeutic foster care from \$20 to \$40 for first child and \$20 for additional children, in keeping with the regular foster care rates.

Chapter 8.8: Allows for payment of a Finder's Fee (\$200) to foster families when they refer a new family who becomes approved as a foster family.

Chapter 8.9: Provision for foster parents to be compensated for attendance at PRIDE training (\$270 per person), in addition to covering expenses.