



COUNTY OF VENTURA HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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POLICY:

When a social worker places a child, changes the placement, or at **six month reassessment**, the social worker shall review the special needs of each child. Based upon the criteria attached below the **highest level** of SCI shall be requested.

Rates are reviewed at six months intervals. The rate may be increased or decreased based on the needs of the child.

The Foster Parent will receive a Notice of Action whenever change occurs.

PROCEDURE:

When requesting a specialized care rate for a child in foster care a Dependent/Ward Payment Plan (56-4-4) must identify the following:

- A specific description of the child's behavior/emotional problems which warrant a specialized care rate.
- A description of what services the foster parents are going to provide the child
- If transportation is included in the SCI it must be clearly linked to the physical, emotional, or developmental needs of the child.
- Identify on the payment plan what type of specialized care increment is requested: MODERATE, SEVERE, INTENSIVE or ENRICHED

RATE:

Ventura County has the following SCI levels: Effective January 1, 2008

SCI LEVEL	AMOUNT
Moderate	\$ 50.00 + basic foster care
Severe	\$164.00 + basic foster care
Intensive	\$263.00 + basic foster care
Enriched	\$890.00 total SCI and Basic Foster Care rate; includes all ages.

RATE LEVEL	CRITERIA	RATE EFFECTIVE January 1, 2008
MODERATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavior problems. • Twice monthly medical therapy or other appointments • Occasional bedwetting or soiling. • Minor physical problems, requiring special soap. • Child in cast, or simple injury. • Problems in school requiring some tutoring. • Emotional needs of the child require less than 20 miles daily total transportation. 	\$50 + basic foster care
SEVERE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioral problems requiring considerable structure. • More than occasional bedwetting. • More than twice monthly transportation. • Special diet or formula • Physical problems requiring special care. • Supervision with prescribed medication, or diabetic child that self injects. • Emotional needs of the child requires more than 20 miles but less than 40 miles daily total transportation. 	\$164.00+ basic foster care
INTENSIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerous medical appointments. • Physically destructive, unsocialized behavior. • Emotional problems requiring therapeutic intervention. • Requires constant supervision and control to ensure safety of self and others. • Child is diabetic, needs foster parent to inject, and/or has frequent emergencies. • Child has serious communicable disease, requiring extensive observation. • Premature infant requires close observation. • Emotional needs of the child require 40 to 60 miles daily total transportation. 	\$263.00+ basic foster care
ENRICHED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-organic failure to thrive due to severe physical/emotional neglect. • Neo-natal withdrawal syndrome • Severe cerebral palsy • Very low birth weight babies needing multiple specialists appointments • Gastric-intestinal tube feeding. • Chronic significant depression, displaying behavior such as suicide ideation, or self-mutilation. • A child diagnosed with chronic mental disorder that requires ongoing therapeutic intervention. 	\$890.00 total for all ages

