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Dear Foster Parent,

We are delighted to once again be able to announce a cost of living increase to your foster care per diem rates as of January 1, 2014. The increase this year will be **2.03 %**, and the new rates are as follows:

New Per Diem Rate for 2014:	Age 0-4	Age 5-13	Age 14-18
Dollar Increase	\$0.40	\$0.43	\$0.50
Foster Care	\$19.89	\$21.60	\$24.92
Foster Care with Services	\$27.66	\$29.37	\$32.69
Therapeutic Foster Care	\$39.80	\$41.51	\$44.83
Therapeutic Plus	\$63.55	\$65.26	\$68.58
Non-Ward Baby	\$19.89	n/a	n/a

If you currently have placements in your foster home, you will receive a new Individual Child Placement Referral (ICPR) in early January with the new 2014 rate. The new ICPR will include a new billing code that must be used along with the new rate when you invoice for January 2014 dates of service (you will use the 2013 rates and billing codes for December dates of service). Also included in this mailing is an updated Foster Care Per Diem Invoice Total Checker for 2014, a tool to assist you in totaling your invoice more easily.

If you have not already done so, we strongly encourage you to sign up for access to the KidTraks Vendor Portal to improve your invoicing experience. This will allow you to view and print your ICPRs and view the status of your invoice/payments. To sign up for the Vendor Portal, please complete, sign and date a Vendor Portal User Agreement Form, which can be found on the DCS website at [www.in.gov/dcs/2328.htm#financeform](http://www.in.gov/dcs/2328.htm#financeform), and mail it to: **DCS Payment Research Unit, 402 W. Washington Street-MS 54, Indianapolis, IN 46204.**

Also, to further add ease to your invoicing process, DCS is now accepting electronic submission of invoices for foster care per diem, as well as personal allowance and birthday/holiday allowance. Please contact your Foster Care Specialist for more information.

Thank you again for all you do for Indiana’s children and their families. We could not provide quality care without your love, hard work, and understanding. We hope you have a happy holiday season and warm wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,



*Protecting our children, families and future*

Tristyn Ryan  
Foster Care Program Manager



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