

WHSFMA 2022

State/County Child Welfare Contract

(and other fiscal matters)

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Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

Introductions

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Children and Family Aids (CFA)

- Essentially flat for CY23
 - Outdated formula mostly from 1980s
- WCHSA CFA Methodology Workgroup recommendations:
- “Status quo is a decision” - counties with significant increases in community need since the 80s are disproportionately underfunded
 - Conceptual agreement re: need to change, but consensus elusive when applying formula options to available dollars
 - Focus on **endemic factors** that reflect broad community need rather than current cost / workload numbers
 - Recommendation to reallocate based on share of child poverty / SNAP eligibility, with a 100% hold harmless...can't accomplish this without more \$
 - ***We need your support for their recommendations!***



Subsidized Guardianship Reimbursement

- DCF now *(okay okay, very soon)* reimbursing **100%** of qualified SG payments:
 - Net cost of care (after trust account money applied) service dates \geq 1/1/22
 - Payments in eWiSACWIS with check status of “Outstanding”
 - Consult eWiSACWIS Checks and Payments Maintenance report (next page)
- Quarterly reimbursement logistics:
 - All payments and adjustments processed in recently completed quarter’s MF3s
 - *E.g., payments processed in April, May, June MF3’s go out on July SPARC payment*
 - *Wrapping up report testing, so Q1 2022 will go out on June SPARC payment*
 - No mid-quarter adjustments, no exceptions *(no pool, no phone, no pets)*
 - Rolling reimbursement cycles means newly processed payments will be reflected in the next quarter’s batch
 - DSP Info Memo [2022-08i](#) for more information
- Summary and line-item detail at new eWiSACWIS Financial Dashboard
 - Test case – hoping there will be others



Checks and Payments Maintenance Report

Financial Security Refresh Search

- Account Numbers
- Checks and Payments
- Extraordinary Payment Request
- Maintain by Placement Type
- Maintain Service Type and Rate

- Check Number Recording
- Checks and Payments Maintenance
- Overpayment Adjustment

Search Criteria

County: Rock Site/Office: Select By: Payments

Check Status: Outstanding Payee ID: Person ID: Voucher #:

Placement Type: Subsidized Guardianship Srvc Cat: Srvc Type:

Payment Type: Payment Status: All

View Records From: 01/01/2021 To: 06/30/2021 Sort By: Payee

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Search Results

Payment - Subsidized Guardianship - Barbato, Christine (8065612)	Outstanding Check (00646653) - \$632.00
05/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	06/01/2021 \$632.00
Payment - Subsidized Guardianship - Barbato, Christine (8065612)	Outstanding Check (00645349) - \$632.00
04/01/2021 - 04/30/2021	05/03/2021 \$632.00
Payment - Subsidized Guardianship - Barbato, Christine (8065612)	Outstanding Check (00647806) - \$632.00
06/01/2021 - 06/30/2021	07/01/2021 \$632.00
Payment - Subsidized Guardianship - Barbato, Christine (8065612)	Outstanding Check (00642733) - \$632.00
02/01/2021 - 02/28/2021	03/01/2021 \$632.00
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01/01/2021 - 01/31/2021	02/01/2021 \$632.00
Payment - Subsidized Guardianship - Borgeson, Claudia (6240887)	Outstanding Check (00646670) - \$1,417.00
05/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	06/01/2021 \$1,417.00
Payment - Subsidized Guardianship - Borgeson, Claudia (6240887)	Outstanding Check (00643939) - \$1,417.00
03/01/2021 - 03/31/2021	
Payment - Subsidized Guardianship - Borgeson, Claudia (6240887)	Outstanding Check (00647822) - \$1,417.00
06/01/2021 - 06/30/2021	

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Targeted Safety Support Funds (TSSF)

- Flexible (enough) funding to support at risk families in the home
 - Eligibility: CPS case with a Protective / Safety plan
 - TANF rules = certain concrete supports limited to 4 months per family
 - Legislative rules = allocations **cannot** carry over between SFYs --> Jan-Apr and May-Dec amounts → **so report your Jan-Apr costs by June 28th!!!**
 - 9.89% County Match requirement (reconciled at the end of the calendar year)
- Significant growth in C21:
 - 64 counties and 2 tribes
 - \$5.9 million in supports and services
 - ~1,600 families and ~3,300 children served
 - Looking at options to expand/supplement – depends on DMCPs and other available funding



Targeted Safety Support Funds (TSSF)

- \$1 million annual increase in Biennial Budget 21-23:
 - Counties got all of it in 2021, Milwaukee will get some of it in 2022
 - Amending CY22 contract in summer
 - Same 4 month / 8 month split and limitations as Kinship (TANF rules)
- Streamlined application and contracting process:
 - Initial allocation mostly formula based (3-year share of screened in CPS referrals)
 - May change this formula to focus on **endemic factors**
 - Reob/deob opportunities – report all your expenditures and we reimburse what we can based on available funding
 - End of contract/calendar year (we cut it close this year!)
 - End of State Fiscal year (hasn't been an issue...yet)



Kinship Allocations

- TANF rules → 4 month / 8 month split
- \$300 monthly rate (18% increase), but underspending in Milwaukee gives us enough room in SFY22, then higher allocation in SFY23
- Simplified benefits allocation formula:
 - SFY22 average caseload * 105%, rounded up to nearest 0.5 case
E.g.: $29.7 * 105\% = 31.2 \rightarrow 31.5 * \$300 * 4 \text{ months } (\$37,800) / 8 \text{ months } (\$75,600)$
 - Assessments = 10% of Benefits
- Additional funds after meeting Milwaukee and Tribal commitments – county benefits are first priority, then assessments
- Amendment schedule: April for previous CY closeout, July for SFY closeout, November “top up” for counties with <25% of allocation remaining
- Please don’t waitlist kids – contact DCFKinshipCare@wisconsin.gov



State and County Contract Timeline

- Language changes – April-June
- Data for Youth Aids – June
- Pulling it all together – July
- Advisory Notification Memo
 - Target release date: early August
- TSSF and IV-E Pass Throughs:
 - Applications out early September
 - Due end of October
- Contract goes out for signature in early December
- 60-day closeout period which everyone is excited for!



Tribal High Cost Pool

- For Tribes and Counties with 161 agreements, and qualifying out-of-home care expenses that total \$50,000+ in the previous year
- Applications due April 15th each calendar year
- Eligible costs typically exceed available budget (\$642,500), resulting in pro-rating of reimbursement
- See memo [2022-06i](#) for more information



Title IV-E Passthroughs

- <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/title4e>
 - Competency Based Foster Parent Training
 - County Legal Services (ChIPS and TPR)
 - Legal Representation of Parents and Children
 - eWiSACWIS procurement and operating costs
- 2022 Amendments Due: September 30, 2022
- 2023 Applications Due: October 31, 2022 (*Online mid-summer*)
- Reimbursement percentages *should* be the same as last year
- Legal Representation of Parents and Children is growing – requires quarterly reporting of number of in home and out of home children served



Congregate Care Shift: Placement Counts pre- and post- FFPSA

Period	Group Home	RCC	QRTP GH	QRTP RCC	Total CC
FFY 21 Average (10/20 – 9/21)	232.5	320.8	0	0	553.2
FFY 22 Average (10/21 – 3/22)	204.0 206 → 202	167.5 198 → 137	38.5 34 → 43	101.5 76 → 127	511.5
% Change	-12.3%	-47.8%			-7.5%

FFPSA IV-E Impacts:

- Claiming limited to 14 days for “traditional” GHs/RCCs
- Claiming for up to 12 months for certified QRTP placements, with other legal and case practice requirements
- Grandfathering for kids in GHs/RCCs <10/1/21, ends with any change of placement



New Child Welfare Professional Training

- Enhanced reimbursement rate for workers in “WiLearn” intensive training
 - Requires splitting Children and Families cost pool (3301, 3683) into new worker / “old” worker buckets (e.g., 3301N, 3683N)
 - Working group of county financial representatives discussing in mid-May
 - Will likely result in new Admin Reporting Guide issued via memo:
 - <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/funding/pdf/title4e/4e-claimingguide.pdf>
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- ***So what do counties get out of this???***
 - Expanded remote/hybrid learning options – greatly reduce staff travel time and costs
 - Secure and stable funding for training activities
 - WiLearn “Academy model” – redesigned new worker curriculum
 - DCF evaluating additional support for counties – stay tuned!



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