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The intent of this correspondence is to provide information on a sustainability payment for all private child placing and child caring providers. The 2022-2024 budget includes appropriations each fiscal year to support private child caring (PCC) providers and private child placing (PCP) providers who serve children with the highest needs.

PCC and PCP providers have incurred increased costs of care over the last one to two years, including additional costs in staffing, additional costs in supporting the needs of youth, maintaining safety of youth in out of home care, and are providing additional services to support reunification and permanency.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services with the support of Governor Andy Beshear will make a sustainability payment to each therapeutic foster care program, independent living program, qualified residential treatment program, residential treatment program, and emergency shelter. The Cabinet will make a sustainability payment to each provider based on the number of beds paid from July 1, 2022-March 31, 2023. Payment amounts were established using a bed day analysis to determine utilization.

The sustainability payment may be used to support the implementation and operation of the program specifically for:

- Recruitment of additional staff
- Increased pay to staff
- Increased clinical supports to children and families



- Increased engagement, services, and family therapy to biological families for the purposes of reunification
- Increased therapeutic services
- Recruitment of foster parents
- Increased per diem to foster parents
- Supporting stability of adoptive placements
- Aftercare services
- Training for staff and foster parents

Providers will use this sustainability payment for additional services for youth to stabilize and maintain placements in lieu of requesting an enhanced rate and to continue the operation of the program for which the payment was accepted.

Providers will receive agreements for signature regarding the use of the funds prior to distribution. The attached EZ Vendor Registration Application must be filled out prior to receiving the sustainability payment if you are not setup as a vendor in the state accounting system (eMARS). This is different from the TWIST payment system. The form can be completed and emailed to finance.crcgroup@ky.gov. Please copy Misty Sammons at Misty.Sammons@ky.gov on the email to finance so she is aware your form has been submitted for processing. Funds will be distributed following receipt of the signed agreement and the EZ Vendor Registration Application through eMARS via a mailed paper check or an electronic payment if you provide that information on the application form. It is encouraged for all providers to enroll in the electronic payments to receive your funds timelier and avoid any postal service delays with a paper check.

The corresponding agreement must be completed and signed May 15, 2023.

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