Private Child Placing (PCP) Adoption Subsidy Calculation

The adoption subsidy amount shall not exceed the amount paid for foster care maintenance for the same child, or exceed the foster care per diem reimbursement established by DCBS (including medically complex rates and care plus rates).

Children being adopted as a level of care (LOC) 1 or 2 shall qualify up to the advanced rate.

Children being adopted as a LOC 3, 4, or 5 shall qualify up to the care plus or medically complex rate. A PCP family meets the care plus standard for children who are a LOC 3, 4, or 5.

Child care services for full-time or part-time working foster and adoptive parents who work a minimum of twenty (20) hours per week and with annual employment verification or adoptive parents pursuing higher education.

**Calculating Adoption Monthly Maintenance for PCP Adoptions**

1. Request from the PCP agency the current rate the prospective adoptive parent is receiving and current level of the child.
2. If the child is a LOC 1 or 2, the family shall continue to receive the current daily rate that is received from the PCP. However, the family shall not receive more than the advanced DCBS rate.
3. If the child is a LOC 3, 4 or 5, the family shall continue to receive the current daily rate that is received from the PCP. However, the family shall not receive more than the advanced care plus DCBS rate.
4. If the child is deemed medically complex, the family shall continue to receive the current daily rate that is received from the PCP. However, the family shall not receive more than the established DCBS medically complex rate (i.e. specialized medically complex or degreed medically complex, etc.).
5. The calculation formula to determine monthly maintenance rate is as follows: daily amount x 365 divided by 12 = monthly maintenance amount (round to nearest dollar).

**Examples of calculations:**

1. The child is a LOC 3 and the PCP daily rate to the family is $33 a day. $33 x 365 = $12,045 per year divided by 12 = $1,003.75, which rounds up to $1,004 per month.
2. The child is age 7, a LOC 2, and the PCP rate to the family is $33 a day. In this scenario, DCBS staff should utilize the corresponding DCBS rate, which would be $26.40 per day, $9636 per year, $803 per month.
3. The child is age 7, a LOC 2, and the PCP rate to the family is $24 a day. In this scenario the family would continue to receive $24 per day x 365 = $8,760 per year divided by 12 = $730 per month.
4. The child is a LOC 3 and the PCP daily rate to the family is $50 a day. In this scenario, DCBS staff should utilize the corresponding DCBS rate for advanced care plus which would be $47.70 per day, $17,412 per year, $1,451 month.

A child placed in therapeutic foster care shall not receive an adoption subsidy in excess to the DCBS care plus rates established, unless:

1. The dollar amount is determined necessary to meet the child’s needs; and
2. Receives commissioner or designee approval through an Adoption Monthly Payment Exception memo and include supporting documentation.