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Background Information

The intent of this correspondence is to notify staff of private child-placing (PCP) and child-caring (PCC) agencies of the intent of DCBS to file an emergency regulation, 922 KAR 1:520, on 7/1/2020. It is necessary for the regulation to be filed as an emergency to align with the 2021 fiscal year PCC/PCP agreements. Federal guidance requires certain conditions to be met for claiming Title IV-E reimbursement funds. An infant born to a youth residing in out of home care does not meet the federal criteria of an abused or neglected child and therefore should not be taken into the custody of the Cabinet. Infants should remain in the care, custody, and control of their parent as long as it is safe for them to do so. Similarly, if a parenting youth is removed from their parents or caregivers and has a child of their own, they should be allowed the right to retain custody of their own child if there are no concerns of abuse or neglect. The emergency regulation will allow a supplemental payment to be paid to the caregiver of a parenting youth or a private child caring agency to meet the needs of a parenting youth's child who is not in the custody of the cabinet. The parenting youth supplement will be available effective 7/1/2020 upon filing of the regulation.

Parenting Youth Supplement

There are occasions when a youth may enter foster care with their own biological child, or birth a child after entering foster care. The youth may be committed to the Cabinet; however, if there are no concerns surrounding the youth's ability to care for the child, the child will remain in the youth's custody. The parenting youth may be eligible for services through the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) for a child who remains in their custody. The parenting youth supplement provides a payment to the foster parent, caregiver, or agency to help meet the everyday

needs of the youth's child. In retaining custody of their child, the foster youth, with the support of their foster parent, DCBS worker or agency case manager, will be able to apply for services such as child care assistance through the Division of Family Support (DFS) or WIC through the local health department.

The parenting youth's DCBS worker will complete a DPP-116 Parenting Youth Supplement Contract within seventy-two (72) hours of placement. The parenting youth and child must reside together in order to be eligible for the parenting youth supplement. The foster parent will play an important role in mentoring the parenting youth and providing support.

Parenting Youth Placed in a PCP Foster Home

If a parenting youth is placed in a PCP foster home, the parenting youth supplemental rate shall be \$24 per day. Daily rates shall be paid directly to the foster parent by the PCP agency and shall not cover administrative costs of the agency. A Parenting Together Plan (PTP) will be completed within thirty (30) days of placement. Any person who is a support to the parenting youth may be present when the PTP is completed but only the foster parent and the youth will sign the plan. This plan outlines the shared responsibilities of the parent and foster parent.

Parenting Youth Placed in an Independent Living Setting or PCC Residential Setting

The parenting youth supplemental rate shall be \$24 per day. Daily rates shall be paid directly to the agency and may cover administrative costs of the agency. A Parenting Together Plan (PTP) will be completed within thirty (30) thirty days of placement. This plan outlines the shared responsibilities of the parent and residential agency staff. There is a separate PTP for a child placed in an independent living setting. Any person who is a support to the parenting youth may be present when the PTP is completed. The DCBS worker, agency case manager, and the parenting youth will sign the plan. While the supplement will be paid directly to the agency, the agency is responsible for ensuring that the parenting youth has basic necessities for their child.

In the event that a parenting youth is placed in a residential setting and their child remains in their custody, the PTP referenced for the PCP agencies will be utilized and an agency representative will sign on the "other" line. It is important to note that if a youth is placed in a residential setting due to their own treatment needs, it is likely going to be necessary that their own child be placed in the custody of the cabinet and therefore, the parenting youth supplement would not be applicable.

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