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## GENERAL LETTER NO. 17-F(1)-7

ISSUED BY: Division of Adult, Children and Family Services

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 17, Chapter F(1), **PERMANENT PLACEMENT PROCEDURES**, page 33, revised.

### Summary

Chapter 17-F(1) is revised to reflect:

- ◆ The increase in foster care maintenance rates authorized by Senate File 446, enacted by the 2013 session of the General Assembly. These rates increase the basic foster care maintenance rate paid for family foster care homes. These rates set the basic maximum adoption subsidy rate paid to adoptive families.
- ◆ The following table shows the new daily subsidy maintenance rate increases:

Age of Child	Basic Daily Rate	Maintenance Plus \$4.81 Per Day	Maintenance Plus \$9.62 Per Day	Maintenance Plus \$14.44 Per Day
0-5 years	\$16.78	\$21.59	\$26.40	\$31.22
6-11	\$17.45	\$22.26	\$27.07	\$31.89
12-15	\$19.10	\$23.91	\$28.72	\$33.54
16-20	\$19.35	\$24.16	\$28.97	\$33.79

### Effective Date

July 1, 2013

### Material Superseded

This material replaces Employees' Manual, Title 17, Chapter F(1), page 33, dated July 13, 2012.

### Additional Information

The FACS System will make the rate adjustment. FACS will inform field staff when the program to increase the rates will run.

Since the rate increase reflects an across-the-board change, it is not necessary to complete a new *Adoption Subsidy Agreement* until the family requests a review.

Refer questions about this general letter to your area social work administrator.

4. You may negotiate a special maintenance allowance of up to \$9.62 per day above maximum basic daily rate when the child was receiving that amount in family foster care at the time of the adoption placement and the family indicates that the additional amount will be needed to assist in providing the extra care associated with the child's special needs.
5. You may negotiate a special maintenance allowance of up to \$14.44 per day above maximum basic daily rate when the child was receiving that amount in family foster care at the time of the adoption placement and the family indicates that the additional amount will be needed.
6. Enter the negotiated amount on the *Adoption Subsidy Agreement*, form [470-0749](#), each time the agreement is completed.
7. Revise the payment amount on the FACS adoption constant payment screen. NOTE: FACS makes an across-the-board change in the basic rate increase automatically. It is not necessary to complete a new *Adoption Subsidy Agreement*, form 470-0749, unless the family requests a review.

The maximum daily payment for a child in subsidized adoption is summarized in the following chart of maintenance allowances by age and special needs of the child, effective July 1, 2013:

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Subsidy payments are pre-paid for the month in which they are received. For example, a subsidy payment received in June is for the month of June, not postpayment for May as in foster care.