

Board Rates for SCCS Licensed and Certified Caregivers

SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

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POLICY:

Summit County Children Services (SCCS) defines board rates paid to agency licensed/certified resource caregivers.

PROCEDURE:

All SCCS licensed/certified resource caregivers are paid a daily board rate (per diem) for each child in the custody of SCCS who is placed in the home for foster care.

SCCS licensed/certified resource caregivers are reimbursed monthly for the number of placement days of each child in the home according to the criteria below.

Base Board Rate:

\$30.00 per day for children ages 0-5
 \$32.26 per day for children ages 6-11
 \$40.48 per day for children ages 12-18, or 21 if applicable

Sibling Board Rate:

The sibling rate is a fixed rate applicable in situations when a SCCS licensed/certified resource caregiver accepts three (3) or more children from a sibling group and the sibling group is placed in the same caregiver home. For each sibling placed in the same caregiver home after the second sibling (i.e. beginning with the third sibling), the caregiver shall receive an increase of \$12.00 per day over the board rate that caregiver would otherwise receive for the child.

Day Care Rates:

SCCS licensed/certified resource caregivers who are employed may be eligible to receive an increased board rate to cover a portion of the cost of day care expenses for enrollment in Type A daycare centers and Type B daycare home arrangements. Licensed/certified resource caregivers must be employed 32 hours per week or more to receive the full-time daycare board rates.

Resource caregivers must be employed 15-31 hours per week to receive the part-time day care board rate. In a two-caregiver household, both caregivers must work to receive day care board rate. If one caregiver works full time and one parent works part time, the part-time day care board rate will be paid. Licensed/certified resource caregivers are responsible for paying for daycare arrangements utilizing board rate funds. If both caregivers work full-time but the children are enrolled part-time, the part-time rate will apply. Before and after school programs qualify for part-time board rate if they are in a licensed center.

If a resource caregiver is attending school full-time (at least 12 credit hours) this will be considered the equivalent of working part-time for that parent. This must be verified through a class schedule and course completion grades.

At initial placement, SCCS licensed/certified resource caregivers reporting working full or part time will be given three (3) working days to provide proof of employment, proof of day care enrollment and documentation that the Type A daycare center or Type B daycare home is currently licensed or certified. If employment begins after the initial placement, the full or part time daycare portion of board rate will become effective the date proof of employment and proof of enrollment are received by SCCS. Payment will not be backdated.

Employment and daycare must be verified via the completion of the Employment and Daycare Verification forms.

The daycare rate for licensed/certified resource caregivers will be paid daily starting on the first day the child begins day care and will remain in effect throughout the child's placement in the caregiver home or until the child is withdrawn from day care or the caregivers become ineligible for day care assistance.

Daycare board rate will automatically be discontinued if proof of continued employment is not received by SCCS upon request.

Licensed/certified resource caregivers are required to notify SCCS within 24 hours of any change in enrollment or employment. Failure to notify SCCS of a change in enrollment or employment will require repayment of the day care portion of board rate and may be withheld from future board rate payments.

Full Time Day Care Board Rate:

\$57.20 per day for children ages 0-3

\$52.80 per day for children ages 4-5

\$62.93 per day for children ages 6-12

Part Time Day Care Board Rate:

\$49.04 per day for children ages 0-3

\$46.76 per day for children ages 3-5

\$55.39 per day for children ages 6-12

Non-Custody Baby Rate:

An additional board rate per day is paid for the non-custody child of a teen mom based on the age of the child, as listed above.

Daycare board rates are paid for the non-custody child(ren) of a teen mother who is in SCCS custody and actively enrolled in school. If the underage mother requires daycare services prior to meeting the criteria for board rate eligibility, she must apply for Title XX daycare assistance for her child(ren). This application is required before any daycare board rate can be considered or applied.

Title XX Add-On

Licensed/certified caregiver homes that are eligible for Title XX will not receive daycare board rates. Those homes eligible for Title XX that have a co-pay will receive an additional \$4.00 per day/per child for children enrolled in day care.

Respite Rates

All licensed families or certified caregivers are entitled to respite care upon agency approval. Respite care is a short-term care arrangement that gives licensed foster parents and certified caregivers a break, while ensuring that children continue to receive safe and supportive care. Respite care is designed to support licensed and certified families and children in care, and is separate from daycare. SCCS licensed and certified caregivers must have prior approval by the foster home supervisor or designee in order to receive this benefit. Requests for respite for non-licensed or certified caregivers must have prior approval from the department director of Placement Services or designee.

Resource caregivers who have placement of a child are entitled to five (5) days of agency-paid respite per child, per calendar year. Respite care is paid at \$50 per child, per day and is issued directly to the respite caregiver, who must be a licensed SCCS foster parent. Respite care may not exceed 30 consecutive days. **SCCS does not pay board rates to respite providers who are not licensed through SCCS.**

After the initial five (5) agency-paid respite days have been used, any additional respite days (up to the 30-day maximum) become the financial responsibility of the resource caregiver who has placement. At that point, SCCS continues to pay the placement caregiver the child's board rate, and the placement caregiver is responsible for paying the respite caregiver directly from that board rate for all remaining respite days.

In summary:

- **Days 1–5:** SCCS pays both the placement caregiver and the respite caregiver.
- **Days 6–30:** SCCS continues paying the placement caregiver the board rate, and the placement caregiver must pay the respite caregiver directly.

This process ensures that resource caregivers receive limited agency-funded respite while maintaining responsibility for arranging and compensating respite beyond the allotted five days.