

~~medical, dental, surgical, and pharmaceutical care for children in foster care, requiring the Department of Human Resources to pay certain other expenses~~ Human Resources to pay certain expenses not reimbursable under the State medical assistance program for children in foster care; updating certain terms; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 88A - Social Services Administration  
Section 60B  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1969 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 88A - Social Services Administration

60B.

(a) The Department of [Employment and Social Services] HUMAN RESOURCES shall establish by regulation eligibility guidelines for payment for one or more classifications of children receiving boarding care (foster care) who are in need of special care.

(b) Based upon the classification system established pursuant to (a) and after July 1, 1975, the monthly rate for boarding care of children paid by the Department of [Employment and Social Services] HUMAN RESOURCES for children in need of the care described in the classification which is given the most demanding type of care provided in single family homes [shall] MAY not be less than the monthly rate for care purchased in a single family home by the Department of Juvenile Services. This rate [shall] MAY not be lower than that paid in fiscal year 1975.

(c) The regular monthly rate for boarding care in single family homes of children who are not in need of special care [shall] MAY not be less than 55[%] PERCENT of the highest special care rate paid for single family home care by the Department of [Employment and Social Services] HUMAN RESOURCES. There shall be financial increments based on the age of the children in care.

(d) At the discretion of the Department of [Employment and Social Services] HUMAN RESOURCES support may be continued to parents who adopt foster children. The amount and duration of adoption subsidy payments may vary according to the special needs of the child and the income of the adopting parent and may include maintenance costs, medical, dental, and surgical expenses, psychiatric and psychological expenses, and other costs necessary for the child's care and well-being.