

5-526. PROVISION OF SERVICES THROUGH GROUP HOMES AND INSTITUTIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE CARE, DIAGNOSIS, TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN BY PLACING THEM IN GROUP HOMES AND INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE OPERATED BY NONPROFIT CHARITABLE CORPORATIONS.

(B) REIMBURSEMENT.

(1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE THESE CORPORATIONS FOR THE COST OF THESE SERVICES AT APPROPRIATE MONTHLY RATES THAT THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(2) THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE MAY DIFFER BETWEEN HOMES AND INSTITUTIONS THAT PROVIDE INTERMEDIATE SERVICES, AS DEFINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND HOMES AND INSTITUTIONS THAT PROVIDE FULL SERVICES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 88A, § 32C.

The only changes are in style.

As revised, the language of this section is conformed to that of the comparable provision in HG § 6-120.

Defined term: "Department" § 5-101

5-527. SAME -- RATES.

(A) DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR PAYMENT FOR FOSTER CARE FOR 1 OR MORE CLASSES OF CHILDREN, INCLUDING CHILDREN WHO ARE IN NEED OF SPECIAL CARE.

(B) SINGLE FAMILY HOME -- REGULAR RATE.

(1) FOR A CHILD WHO DOES NOT NEED SPECIAL CARE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PAY FOR FOSTER CARE IN A SINGLE FAMILY HOME AT A MONTHLY RATE THAT IS NOT LESS THAN 55% OF THE MONTHLY RATE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION FOR A CHILD WHO REQUIRES THE MOST DEMANDING SPECIAL CARE IN A SINGLE FAMILY HOME.

(2) THE MONTHLY RATE SHALL INCLUDE INCREMENTS BASED ON THE AGE OF THE CHILD.

(C) SAME -- RATE FOR MOST DEMANDING SPECIAL CARE.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PAY FOR FOSTER CARE FOR A CHILD WHO NEEDS THE MOST DEMANDING SPECIAL CARE IN A SINGLE FAMILY HOME AT A MONTHLY RATE THAT IS NOT LESS THAN THE HIGHER OF: