

**Assumptions:** 1) All options listed below are not specific to Milwaukee. The option chosen would apply to all counties/agencies statewide. 2) All options below apply to any Out of Home Placement (OHP) within a placement episode, not just the removal OHP. 3) Options 1-4 do not require a CANS.

- Option 1: Add a new service type, which is used to document the OHP.

Timeframe: This update could occur the week of March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

Detail: The new service type would enable/allow a child specific rate to be documented on the OHP page. This rate would fall under the Basic rate, therefore there would be no exceptional costs documented. There would be no edit in place to end the OHP (up to 30 days); therefore the payment could extend beyond 30 days if the OHP was not manually ended. Users could simultaneously document a CANS and Foster Care Rate page, which would also generate an additional rate beyond the child specific rate that was documented on the OHP.

Further needs: If this option is chosen, what should this service type be called?

- Option 2: Add a new service type and enhance the Out of Home Placement (OHP) page.

Timeframe: This update could occur with the addition of the service type the week of March 21<sup>st</sup> and the update to the OHP page potentially in the October 2011 release.

Detail: There would be an edit in place to end the OHP and the associated child specific rate, so that the child specific rate would not exceed 30 days.

- Option 3: Modify the existing Foster Care Rate page to accommodate the documentation of a rate for up to 30 days without a CANS.

Timeframe: Potentially in the October 2011 release.

Detail: The Foster Care Rate page would accommodate setting the rate when a CANS does or does not exist. When a CANS does not exist, the end date of the rate could not exceed 30 days from the begin date of the OHP.

- Option 4: Create a new rate page, specific to foster home OHPs that allows the documentation of a rate for up to 30 days without a CANS.

Timeframe: Potentially in the October 2011 release.

Detail: A new rate page would be created specific to foster home OHPs that allows payment greater than the Basic amount for up to 30 days without a CANS. This rate page would be different than the existing Foster Care Rate page which brings in the supplemental amount from a CANS. The new rate page would automatically have an end date of 30 days from the begin date of the OHP, but the end date could be modified to be less than 30 days. If the OHP ended prior to the documented end date on the rate page, the rate would end as of the OHP end date. If a CANS exists, workers will be required to use the existing Foster Care Rate page and will not be able to use this new page. If a new rate page exists and a CANS is created, the new rate page with the rate will be ended one day prior to the effective date of the CANS. The worker will then document the rate via the existing Foster Care Rate page.

Further needs: The design of the new page would have to include whether or not to display all parts of the Uniform Foster Care Rate Setting (Basic, Supplemental, and Exceptional). Would a new template need to be created for this rate?

- Option 5: Modify the CANS tickler to reset a rate

Timeframe: Potentially in the October 2011 release.

Detail: A CANS was completed with all zeros or the minimum needed to proceed to the Foster Care Rate. The Foster Care Rate was completed, however a true CANS was never completed. In order to remind the worker to complete a true CANS within 30 days of placement, a new tickler would be created.