

Cost Category Maximums – 2026



The charts below provide a detailed breakdown by cost category of the maximum rates that were published in DSP Informational Memo Series 2025-17i for child placing agencies (CPAs), group homes (GHs), and resident care centers (RCCs).

Line Item	Cost Component	Definition	CPA Per Diem Allowance
0	Plant & Property	Mortgage Interest, Rent, Utilities, Property Tax, Insurance, Improvements, Maintenance & Repair	\$2.11
3	Administrative Consumables	Office Supplies, Postage, Printing, Telephone, Internet, Cable, Background Checks, Staff Recruitment, Professional Subscriptions	\$2.90
4	Programmatic Consumables	Program Supplies	\$1.01
5	Insurance	Liability & Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$0.83
6	Depreciation	Vehicles, Equipment & Property	\$0.34
7	Case Management Staffing		\$51.74
		Hourly Average Cost Per Staff	\$38.80
		* Case Management Ratio: 1 Staff to X Children	9.0
8	Case Management Supervisor Staffing	(Includes All Shifts in Calculation)	\$13.16
		Hourly Average Cost Per Supervisor	\$57.56
		* Case Management Supervisor Ratio: 1 Supervisor to X Children	35.0
9	Training	Staff Training	\$0.57
10	Transportation	Vehicle Cost & Staff Mileage for Family Visits & Routine Care, Vehicle Expense Including Rentals & Insurance	\$1.39
11	Recreation/Milieu	Activities/Outings for Children	\$0.00
12	Foster Parent Training	Supplies For Foster Parent Training	\$2.63
13	Foster Parent Respite	Foster Parent Respite	\$4.17
14	Therapy/Therapeutic Milieu	CPA: Purchased Clinical Services	\$0.48
17	Admin Overhead	Admin Allocation, Payroll Processing Fees, Self-Funded Medical Costs	\$17.20
Subtotal			\$98.53
COLA		Cost of Living Adjustment	\$5.85
		Current Year – Consumer Price Index (CPI) Based On 24 Month Cumulative	5.95%
		Current Year - Medical Care Group: CPI Based On 24 Month Cumulative	3.77%
Total			\$104.38

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Line Item	Cost Component	Definition	GH Per Diem Allowance	RCC Per Diem Allowance
1	Plant & Property	Mortgage Interest, Rent, Utilities, Property Tax, Insurance, Improvements, Maintenance & Repair	\$23.67	\$48.56
2	Board & Incidentals	Food & Beverage, Children's Allowance, Laundry, Housekeeping	\$20.66	\$47.77
3	Administrative Consumables	Office Supplies, Postage, Printing, Telephone, Internet, Cable, Background Checks, Staff Recruitment, Professional Subscriptions	\$13.88	\$19.67
4	Programmatic Consumables	Program Supplies	\$3.52	\$ 4.03
5	Insurance	Liability & Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$6.85	\$12.02
6	Depreciation	Vehicles, Equipment & Property	\$4.56	\$16.18
7	Direct Care Staffing		\$141.66	\$196.64
		Hourly Average Cost Per Staff	\$28.33	\$31.05
		* Direct Care Ratio: 1 Staff to X Children	4.0	3.0
		* Direct Care During School Hours Ratio: 1 Staff to X Children	4.0	3.0
		* Direct Care During Sleep Hours Ratio: 1 Staff to X Children	8.0	8.0
8	Supervisor Staffing	(Includes All Shifts in Calculation)	\$68.55	\$60.39
		Hourly Average Cost Per Supervisor	\$37.70	\$36.23
		* Supervisor Ratio: 1 Supervisor to X Children - Day	11.0	12.0
		* Supervisor Ratio: 1 Supervisor to X Children - School Hours	11.0	12.0
		* Supervisor Ratio: 1 Supervisor to X Children - Sleep Hours	22.0	24.0
9	Training	Staff Training	\$3.28	\$11.64
10	Transportation	Vehicle Cost & Staff Mileage for Family Visits & Routine Care, Vehicle Expense Including Rentals & Insurance	\$6.45	\$6.27
11	Recreation/Milieu	Activities/Outings for Children	\$3.88	\$3.70
14	Therapy/ Therapeutic Milieu	GH: Staffing to Ensure Therapeutic Environment for Youth RCC: Staffing for Therapy, Purchased Clinical Services	\$10.69	\$57.73
15	Education	Educational / Vocational Supplies (Includes Staffing for RCCs)	\$2.94	\$59.98
16	Medical	Medical Supplies (Includes Staffing for RCCs)	\$2.41	\$18.79
17	Admin Overhead	Admin Allocation, Payroll Processing Fees, Self-Funded Medical Costs	\$80.94	\$137.58
Subtotal			\$393.94	\$700.95
COLA	Cost of Living Adjustment		\$23.16	\$40.04
	Current Year – Consumer Price Index (CPI) Based On 24 Month Cumulative		5.95%	5.95%
	Current Year - Medical Care Group: CPI Based On 24 Month Cumulative		3.77%	3.77%
Total			\$417.10	\$740.99