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Applicable to: Parental homes, licensed foster family homes, unlicensed relative homes

Question:

Does the Department's payment policy allow us to purchase beds to facilitate overnight visits between parents and children? Does the Department's payment policy allow us to purchase beds to facilitate overnight visits among siblings? Are children required to have beds for an overnight visit?

Response:

If the casework supervisor determines that beds or cribs are necessary to enable a biological family, foster family home or relative caregiver to safely facilitate overnight visits, the supervisor may request an exceptional payment, as permitted by Procedures 359, Authorized Child Care Payments, Appendix C, using a CFS 902, Exceptional Payment Request. The Regional Administrator may approve requests for exceptional payments for amounts up to \$300.00 per request. Larger purchases may be approved with consent of the exceptional payment approval coordinator in the Division of Program Support.