

The OCYF Title IV-E Invoicing system will be upgraded on April 12, 2021 to address changes that have been implemented due to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. These changes are specifically addressing the impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic on older youth in placement.

This communication is being sent in advance of the patch release in order to provide counties with an opportunity to review the changes and make any necessary modifications to their processes. Only Foster Care (CY-63 FC) invoices are impacted by these changes.

Background and Overview

The passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 gave states leeway during the COVID-19 global pandemic to seek additional federal reimbursement for Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance services. The time period for these services is from April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

The budget amendment specifically identifies two populations of children now deemed eligible for Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance payments.

1. Youth who turn(ed) 21 years of age between April 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021; and
2. Youth 18 years of age and over who did not previously have a pathway to eligibility under one of the five Fostering Connections designations.
 - a. Completing secondary education or in a program leading to an equivalent credential
 - b. Enrolled in an institution that provides post-secondary or vocational education
 - c. Participating in a program or activity designed to promote, or remove barriers to, employment
 - d. Employed for at least 80 hours per month, or
 - e. If a child's medical condition makes him or her incapable of engaging in any of these activities, updated information on his or her condition must be maintained in the child's case plan.

The goal is to ensure that these youth continue to be served during these challenging times.

Title IV-E Invoicing System Updates

CY-63 FC

The CY-63 FC will be modified to allow counties to invoice for maintenance services for youth in the target populations for periods between April 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021.

When a user enters a Quarter Ending Date that is on or between April 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021, a new Program Type “F” will be available and should be selected for youth in the target populations.

TITLE IV-E INVOICE																
OCYF Approval for Payment :					Reviewer :											
County Code :	56				Submission Date :					Quarter Ending :	9/30/2021					
County Address : Somerset Address Line 1 Ste 500 Somerset PA 15501					INVOICE TYPE (Check One)											
					<input checked="" type="radio"/> Foster Care (FC) <input type="radio"/> Adoption Assistance (AA) / Non-Recurring (NR) <input type="radio"/> Subsidized Permanent Legal Custodianship (SPLC)											
CY64					Calculate and Save					Delete						
										Grand Total : Total Cost of Care		Grand Total : Title IV-E Allowable Maintenance		Grand Total : Title IV-E Allowable Administration		
Total Title IV-E Claim:																
Program	Child's MCI Number	Child's Last Name	Child's First Name	MI	Medical Documents	STATUS 1-Dependent 2-Delinquent	Reimbursable From Date	Reimbursable To Date	Residential Facility Certification	Unit Identifier	Total Cost of Care	Title IV-E Allowable Maintenance	Title IV-E Allowable Administration			
FC					<input type="checkbox"/>	Dependent										
A																
B																
C																
D																
E																
F																
<div>Insert</div> <div>Cancel</div> <div>Print</div>																

Quarter Ending Date must be on or between April 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021

Invoice Type must be Foster Care (FC)

New Program Type F

Users will receive the below error message after clicking the CY64 button, Insert button, or update link, if:

- Program Type F is selected and the user-entered reimbursable dates are not within the date range for these services; or
- A CY-63 FC is uploaded with Program Type F selected and the Quarter Ending Date is outside of the allowable period (i.e. on or between April 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021).



Program Type is not valid for this reimbursable date

Validation Reports

The Children Age 18 or Older report validates that a youth is under 18 years of age for reimbursement. The report will be modified to bypass this validation if the Program Type is “F.”

The Children Age 21 or Older report validates that a youth is under 21 years of age for reimbursement. The report will also be modified to skip any age validations for reimbursement if the Program Type is “F.”