## 9560.0640 FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS.

The local agency and the parent(s) shall evaluate the various resources available to meet the costs of care.

Parent(s) shall pay for the cost of care in a manner consistent with their ability to do so and with any applicable state laws or rules.

If the local agency establishes that the parent(s) are able to meet some or all of the costs of care, but are unwilling to do so, the following courses of action are indicated:

- A. For a child under legal custody, the local agency shall make a written report to the court for determination by the judge of the parents' responsibility to reimburse the agency.
- B. For a child placed by voluntary agreement, the local agency shall file a dependency or neglect petition with the court and ask the court to establish the parents' responsibility to reimburse the agency.

The local agency shall make the payments directly to foster parents and other providers of care.

**Statutory Authority:** MS s 256.01; 256.82; 256E.05; 257.071; 257.175; 260.40; 260C.212; 260C.451; 393.07

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