

9560.0655 DIFFICULTY OF CARE PAYMENT RATE.

Subpart 1. **Payment rate.** Except as provided by subpart 2, the local agency shall make payments to the foster care provider at the rate of \$3.70 per month for each point assessed under part 9560.0654.

Subp. 2. **Existing placements.** In a placement for which a difficulty of care payment was established and was being made prior to January 1, 1989, and the payment is greater than the payment which would be made under subpart 1, the local agency shall continue to pay the greater amount until the child's difficulty of care changes or the placement terminates.

Subp. 3. **Annual revision of payment rate.** By November 1 of each year following January 1, 1989, the commissioner shall review and revise the difficulty of care payment rate in subpart 1 based on USDA Estimates of the Cost of Raising a Child, published by the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Resources Service, Publication 1411. The revision shall be the average percentage by which costs increase for the age ranges represented in the USDA Estimates of the Cost of Raising a Child. The USDA Estimates of the Cost of Raising a Child is subject to annual revision.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 256.82*

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