REIMBURSEMENT FOR PREPLACEMENT VISITS

Pre-placement visits include:

- Children/Youth transitioning from a residential facility to a foster home or
- Children/Youth transitioning from a foster home to a pre-adoptive home.

If the child/youth is transitioning from a residential facility to a foster home,

- the provider will be reimbursed at the respite care rate (Level J of the MAPCY) for a maximum of 30 days.
- The child's/youth's case manager must have the approval of his/her program manager and/or the Associate Director for payment.
- The child's/youth's case manager must discuss with a program manager and/or the Associate Director whether or not payment will be made to the residential facility during this time. <u>Note</u> The residential facility may or may not have their own policy regarding payment during this time.

If the child/youth is transitioning from a foster home to a pre-adoptive home,

- the pre-adoptive home will be reimbursed at the same rate as the current foster home for a maximum of 30 days.
- Payment to the current foster home continues during this time.
- The child's/youth's case manager must have the approval of his/her program manager and/or the Associate Director for payment.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR TEMPORARY ABSENCE FROM PLACEMENT (i.e. Runaway, JDC, Shelter)

If the plan is for the youth to return to that foster home,

• the foster care provider can receive 7 days of continued reimbursement.

If the case manager changes that plan, and the youth is not going to return to the foster home.

• the case manager must immediately inform the foster parent, with follow up in writing as soon as possible.

If there is no plan to return the child to the foster home (agency decision or foster parent request),

• then reimbursement for placement ends when the child runs from the home.