

441—201.6(600) Types of subsidy.**201.6(1) *Special services only.***

a. Reimbursement to the family or direct payment to a provider may be made for the following special services needed to meet the needs of the child:

(1) Outpatient counseling or therapy services. Reimbursement for outpatient individual or family services may be provided from a non-Medicaid provider only with approval from the department and when one of the following applies:

1. The services are not available from a Medicaid provider within a reasonable distance from the family.
2. The child and the family were already receiving therapy or counseling from a non-Medicaid provider and it would not be in the child's best interest to disrupt the services.
3. Available Medicaid providers lack experience in working with foster, adoptive, or blended families.

Reimbursement to non-Medicaid providers shall be limited to the Medicaid rate.

(2) Expenses for transportation, lodging, or per diem related to preplacement visits, not to exceed \$2,000 per family.

(3) Medical services not covered by the Medicaid program when the child, either alone or with the family, resides outside the state of Iowa and that state's Medicaid does not cover a needed service, or a provider enrolled with Iowa Medicaid cannot be secured. An adoption subsidy payment shall not supplement the Medicaid payment rate to a Medicaid provider or a non-Medicaid provider.

(4) An additional premium amount as a result of adding the child to the family's health insurance group.

(5) Medical transportation, food and lodging not covered by Medicaid when the child is receiving specialized care in a facility 50 miles or farther from the family home, when the family is participating in services and to facilitate reunification with the child.

(6) Supplies and equipment as required by the child's special needs and unavailable through other resources.

1. When the siblings in a sibling group of three or more are placed together, a one-time-only payment can be made, not to exceed \$500 per child, to reimburse the family for expenses related to accommodating the needs of the sibling group.

2. When home modifications have been authorized to accommodate a child's special needs and the family later sells the house, the family shall repay the department an amount equal to the increase in the equity value of the home attributable to the modifications.

(7) Nonrecurring expenses. Payment for nonrecurring expenses is generally limited to a total of \$1,000 per child for attorney fees, court costs and other related legal expenses. Nonrecurring expenses may be paid when the adoptive family has negotiated an Adoption Subsidy Agreement or an Agreement to Future Adoption Subsidy.

(8) Funeral benefits at the amount allowed for a foster child in accordance with 441—Chapter 156.

b. The need for special services shall be documented in the Adoption Subsidy Agreement. The family shall provide documentation of expenses to the department.

c. Any single special service and any special service delivered over a 12-month period costing \$500 or more shall have prior approval from the central office adoption program manager prior to expending program funds.

d. For all Medicaid covered services, the department shall reimburse at the same rate and duration as Medicaid as set forth in rule 441—79.1(249A).

201.6(2) *Maintenance only.* A monthly payment to assist with room, board, clothing and spending money may be provided, as determined under this chapter. The child will also be eligible for medical assistance pursuant to 441—Chapter 75.

201.6(3) *Maintenance and special services.* For children with special needs, a special services subsidy may also be included when a maintenance subsidy is provided.

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