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Patch Rate Protocol with LOC/SCI

The purpose of the Patch Rate is to fund additional services, supports and out-of-pocket expenses for youth with complex issues beyond an established LOC/SCI tier determination. The use of the Patch Rate is at the discretion of the Service Bureau Deputy Director.

To optimize the quality of services provided to youth whose caregivers are receiving the Patch Rate, the following should be addressed when the Patch Rate is initially requested, and when it is renewed:

1. The child should qualify and be linked to intensive mental health services (i.e. Wraparound, IFCCS, or FSP).
 - a. All Medi-Cal funded mental health treatment options shall be exhausted prior to requesting Patch Rate funding.
2. Additional supportive services such as TBS or 1:1 Behavioral Support Aides shall be offered prior to offering Patch Rate funding, when appropriate.
3. Other funding sources, such as DCFS funded Childcare Program, STOP funds, Trust Fund, Tutoring, etc., shall be exhausted as one-time funding sources prior to requesting the Patch Rate.
4. All initial requests are to include specific information as to what the Resource Parent (RP) (i.e., caregiver) will use the additional funding for, and renewal requests are to address how the funding was used during the prior approval period to ensure appropriate use of funding.

Some examples of services and supports that the Patch Rate may cover include, but are not limited to:

- Childcare assistance
- Respite care
- Ongoing damage to home or property caused by high risk youth
- Extracurricular activities above and beyond the established LOC/SCI tier payment that are specific to the child's interests
- Specialized therapy not covered by Medi-Cal (i.e. equestrian therapy, sexual abuse therapy/treatment, eating disorder outpatient treatment, etc.).
- Private instructor lessons or classes/tutoring specific to the child's interests.

How to Apply for a Patch Rate

To request Patch Rate funding, regional will need to complete the following the steps :

1. Complete a [DCFS 4213](#), Special Placement or 1-on-1 Services Related Terms



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2. Provide the DCFS 4213 and the LOC/SCI Scoring Form, indicating additional rate in Section E to the Service Bureau for Deputy Director (DD) approval.
3. Upon approval by the DD, forward the DCFS 4213 to Revenue Enhancement (RE) for final approval signature.
4. RE is to return the DCFS 4213 to the regional staff.
5. Submit the DCFS 4213 along with a [DCFS 280](#) to initiate the additional funding budget (i.e., Patch Rate).

The Patch Rate funding approvals are for up to a six (6) month period.

- Each patch rate approval is for a specific child in a specified home.

Patch Rate Options

1. Patch 1: \$500
 - The needs of the youth require the RP to provide services and supports beyond an established LOC/SCI tier determination.
2. Patch 2: \$1000
 - In addition to requiring the RP to provide additional services and supports beyond an established LOC/SCI tier determination, the youth may have a recent history of multiple STRTP placements; or has been denied an STRTP placement due to the severity of behaviors, psychiatric hospitalizations; or, behaviors which prevent STRTP placement, such as fire setting/delinquent behaviors, and/or CSEC behaviors. The RP may be required to provide extensive monitoring and supervision.



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