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RESPIRE CARE SERVICES

As a result of Flexible Family Supports and Home-Based Foster Care funding, effective May 30, 2023 through June 30, 2025, respite care providers may receive reimbursement from DCFS at a flat rate of \$16.90 per child, per hour, for a limit of 72 hours per fiscal year, with a maximum amount of \$1,216.80. This is an increase from the current hourly rate of \$3.00.

Flexible Family Supports and Home-Based Foster Care funding was provided by [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 179](#), the Budget Act of 2022. AB 179 appropriated \$50 million General Fund in one-time funding, available for expenditure until June 30, 2025, for County Welfare Departments (CWD), County Probation Departments (CPD), and participating Tribes that elect to access the funds to increase home-based family care and provide additional resources to children and youth in foster care, and their foster caregivers ([All County Letter 23-02](#)).

The respite care program provides for occasional alternative care and allows an alternative caregiver to provide care and supervision to the foster child. Respite care provides caregivers with substitute care and temporary relief from the responsibilities of foster parenting.

Respite Care Services allow caregivers to receive up to 72 continuous hours of respite care services, one time per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).

For further information regarding respite care eligibility and respite care requests, refer to [Policy Guide 1200-500.40, Respite Care Services](#).

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