



## How to pay for a placement with a PSP service provider made under a Temporary Care Arrangement (TCA)

A quick guide for CSC, CFDU and Commissioning & Planning staff

(as at 1 July 2021)

### A Temporary Care Arrangement (TCA) placement occurs when:

- a child is assessed as unsafe and in need of care and protection and
- the parent consents (or is assessed as incapable of consenting) to the child being placed in care of the Secretary of DCJ (supported care placement) and
- the parent retains parental responsibility and
- there is a permanency plan to restore the child to their parents within three months.

### If not provided by DCJ, a PSP provider ('service provider') may provide a TCA placement if:

- DCJ requests a TCA placement (placement broadcast) or
- a relative/kin or suitable person is assessed and authorised by a service provider (at DCJ request).

### During a TCA placement provided by a service provider, DCJ retains primary case responsibility, whilst the service provider:

- arranges and supervises the placement
- supports DCJ in preparation of a case plan and
- supports DCJ in case planning and review of the child's case plan, (if the duration of the TCA placement is extended for over 3 months).

### When a TCA placement is provided by a service provider, the placement is:

- not included in PSP contracted volume (for statutory care placements) for that service provider and
- provided on an additional fee-for-service basis.

### To make a payment to a service provider:

- Ask the service provider to send DCJ an invoice or quotation for TCA placement rates. This may be for the full amount (if the end date is known), or for a period of time that has already elapsed during which the TCA placement was provided.
- Verify the service provider has applied the calculation table correctly in their quoted amount (see next page).
- Process the invoice in ChildStory (in the child's case). The expenditure is recorded as:
  - Service Level 1: *OOHC*
  - Service Level 2: *Support CYP in placement*
  - Contingency type: *Respite/support workers.*
- Create the Purchase Order as invoice 'pending' for the period of the TCA placement.
- For further guidance on managing TCAs:
  - DCJ and service provider casework practitioners refer to the [Permanency Case Management Policy](#).
  - DCJ casework practitioners refer to the [Financial support for children and young people in OOHC Guidelines](#) and [Temporary Care Arrangements casework practice mandate](#).

**Temporary Care Arrangement (TCA)  
Placement 2021-2022 Rates (as at 14 July 2021)  
Fee-for-service Calculation Table**

Cost component	Cost equivalent	TCA Placement Length	
		Under 3 months	3-6 months
Baseline	Foster Care	Service provider provides placement and supports DCJ to develop a case plan – applicable to all TCAs Daily rate <sup>1</sup> : <b>\$114.08</b>	
	Aboriginal Foster Care <sup>2</sup>	Service provider provides placement and supports DCJ to develop a case plan – applicable to all TCAs. Daily rate <sup>1</sup> : <b>\$118.23</b>	
Case Plan Goal	Restoration	Not Applicable	When service provider conducts a case plan review. Daily rate is <b>\$76.73</b>
Child Needs	Low, Medium or High	Only Low daily rate <sup>1</sup> is applicable: <b>\$13.05</b>	Child may be eligible for Medium or High daily rate, subject to application of CAT tool.  Daily rates <sup>1</sup> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low: <b>\$13.05</b></li> <li>• Medium: <b>\$20.50</b></li> <li>• High: <b>\$31.93</b></li> </ul>
Specialist	Cultural Plan (Aboriginal)	Not Applicable	When service provider develops an individual cultural care plan.  Set fee <sup>3</sup> : <b>\$3,632.48</b>
	CALD		When service provider conducts additional targeted recruitment, training and support of a CALD carer.  Set fee <sup>3</sup> : <b>\$1,474.78</b>

<sup>1</sup> All daily rates are calculated by dividing the annual PSP contracted rate by 365 days per year.

<sup>2</sup> Note: Aboriginal Foster Care is only applicable for Aboriginal children placed with an Aboriginal designated agency.

<sup>3</sup> Note: The Cultural Plan (Aboriginal) and CALD packages are funded by a set fee, not a proportioned amount or daily rate.