



Payment of Temporary Care Arrangements (TCA's) placements provided by Funded Service Providers (FSP's)

A quick guide for FSP staff

A Temporary Care Arrangement (TCA) placement occurs when:

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

If not provided by FACS, an FSP may provide a TCA placement if:

- FACS requests a TCA placement (placement broadcast) or
- a relative/kin or suitable person is assessed and authorised by an FSP (at FACS request).

During a TCA placement provided by an FSP:

- FACS retains case management
- the FSP provides and supports the placement
- the FSP supports FACS in preparation of a case plan and
- the FSP supports FACS 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 an FSP, the placement is:

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

To be paid by FACS:

- Send the FACS CSC an invoice or quotation, according to TCA placement rates (see fee-for-service calculation table over page)
- If the end date of the placement is known, provide an invoice for the full amount.
- If the end date is not known at the time of placement, provide an initial quotation and then regular further invoices until the child exits the placement.
- Further guidance on managing TCAs is included in the [Permanency Case Management Policy](#)

TCA Placement Rates Fee-For-Service Calculation Table

Cost component	Cost equivalent	TCA Placement Length	
		Under 3 months	3-6 months
Baseline	Foster Care	FSP provides placement and supports FACS to develop a case plan – applicable to all TCAs. Daily rate is \$109.92 (1)	
	Aboriginal Foster Care	FSP provides placement and supports FACS to develop a case plan – applicable to all TCAs. Daily rate is \$113.92 (2)	
Case Plan Goal	Restoration	NOT APPLICABLE	Subject to FSP undertaking a case plan review. Daily rate is \$73.93 (3)
Child Needs	Low, Medium or High	Only LOW is applicable. Daily rate is \$12.58	Subject to FACS approval and application of CAT tool. The child may be eligible for a “medium” or “high” child needs. Daily rates are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOW \$12.58 • MEDIUM \$19.75 • HIGH \$30.76 (4)
Specialist	Cultural Plan (Aboriginal)	NOT APPLICABLE	Subject to FACS approval and FSP developing an individual cultural care plan. Set fee (not daily rate) is \$3,500 (5)
	CALD		Subject to FACS approval and FSP demonstrating additional targeted recruitment, training and support of CALD carers is required. Set fee (not daily rate) is \$1,421 (5)

(1) The daily “Foster Care” rate is calculated by dividing the annual PSP contracted rate of \$40,120 by 365.

(2) The daily “Aboriginal Foster Care” rate is calculated by dividing the PSP contracted annual rate of \$41,580 by 365.

Note: Aboriginal Foster Care is only applicable for Aboriginal Children placed with an Aboriginal agency.

(3) The daily “Restoration” rate is calculated by dividing the annual PSP contracted rate of \$26,984 by 365.

(4) The daily “Low Needs” “medium and “high” packages are calculated by dividing the annual PSP contracted rates of \$4,591, \$7,208 and \$11,227 by 365.

(5) Note: The Cultural Plan (Aboriginal) and CALD packages are funded by a set fee, not a proportioned amount.