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**Notice for Licensed Caregivers
Changes in the Medically Complex Program**

This sheet highlights changes for licensed caregivers who are providing (or will be providing) care to children with complex medical needs.

What has changed related to the certification of a child with complex medical needs?

- Effective 11/1/14, with the release of the Health Care of Children in DCF Care Practice Guide, children will be identified within a 4 Tiered Medically Complex Classification System.
- Effective 12/1/14 there will be new rates for caregivers caring for children with complex medical needs based on the 4 tiered system
- There are new training requirements for caregivers based on the 4 tiered classification system

Classifications and Caregiver Rates (effective Dec. 1, 2014)

Classification	Rate (per diem)
Classification 1 - Potential Condition-Related Risk	\$30
Classification 2 - Medically at Risk	\$40
Classification 3 - Intensive Medical Needs	\$55.55
Classification 4 - Technology-Dependent or Medically-Dependent	\$82

On 12/1/14 the above rates will go into effect for all new caregivers of children with complex medical needs. Caregivers who are currently caring for children with complex medical needs in classifications 1 & 2 will continue with the rates they have been getting (\$47.10). The new rates for classifications 1 & 2 will be effective with new placements as of 12/1/14. Caregivers of children with complex medical needs who are classified 3 & 4's will be moved to the new rates effective 12/1/14. There is no change to the Medically Complex Respite rate.

Licensed Caregiver Training

DCF Core, Therapeutic, and Respite Caregivers

Classification	Training	Medically Complex Certified
Classification 1 - Potential Condition-Related Risk	Module 11 or Fostering Health, *CSMT, CPR	No
Classification 2 - Medically at Risk	Medically Complex Certification Course	
Classification 3 - Intensive Medical Needs	*CSMT, CPR	
Classification 4 - Technology-Dependent or Medically-Dependent		Yes

Kinship and Pre-Adoptive Caregivers

Classification	Training	Medically Complex Certified
Classification 1, 2, 3, 4	Module 11 or Fostering Health, *CSMT, CPR	No

*Child Specific Medical Training (CSMT)

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