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Program: Child Care

Subject: Parent Share of Cost for Children Continuing to Need Protective Services

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This Technical Assistance (TA) Bulletin provides Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) with information regarding assessment of the parent share of cost to a parent with a child in a closed Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) case in which DFPS has determined that the child continues to need protective services child care.

DFPS determines child care eligibility for children receiving or needing protective services.

Texas Workforce Commission (Commission) Child Care Services rule §809.19(a)(2)(C) states that parents of children receiving protective services (i.e., open DFPS cases) are exempt from a parent share of cost unless DFPS assesses a share of cost.

In accordance with §809.19(a)(2)(C), parents of former DFPS children (i.e., closed DFPS cases) in which DFPS has determined that protective services child care is still needed also are exempt from a parent share of cost.

Additionally, §809.54(c)(1) states that child care in closed DFPS cases must:

- continue for six months if DFPS determines that the child continues to need protective services and child care is integral to that need; and
- continue regardless of whether the family meets Board income eligibility or activity requirements.

However, pursuant to §809.54(c)(2), in closed DFPS cases in which DFPS does not state that the child continues to need protective services child care, Boards can continue care:

- subject to the availability of funds; and
- provided that the family meets income eligibility limits and minimum activity requirements.

It is important to note that parents of children in these cases are assessed a parent share of cost.

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