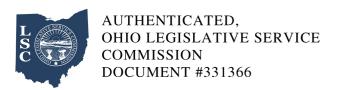


Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5180:2-45-01 Administration of the Title IV-E candidate for family first prevention services (FFPS) program.

Effective: October 1, 2021

- (A) The primary objectives of the Title IV-E candidate for FFPS program are:
- (1) To help keep children at imminent risk of removal safely with their families and avoid the traumatic experience of entering foster care.
- (2) To emphasize the importance of children growing up in families.
- (B) The Title IV-E agency may claim administrative expenditures for reimbursement only if FFPS are a direct responsibility of the Title IV-E agency. The Title IV-E agencies are to:
- (1) Ensure the proper administration of funds, allocated or reimbursed.
- (2) Determine eligibility for the FFPS program.
- (3) Maintain a family case plan or prevention services plan which clearly indicates at least one trauma informed, evidence-based FFPS for each eligible child.
- (4) Make available documentation which supports the child's eligibility for FFPS. Documentation can include hard copy files, electronic files or a combination of both.
- (5) Facilitate service planning and provision of services under the FFPS program.
- (6) Claim administrative costs in the same month that it determines and documents a child is a candidate for FFPS through the random moment sample (RMS) time study.
- (C) Beginning federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022 through FFY 2026, costs of FFPS are reimbursable at fifty per cent of federal financial participation (FFP) under Title IV-E.



- (D) Beginning in FFY 2027, FFPS are reimbursable at the applicable federal medicaid assistance percentages (FMAP) rate for the state.
- (E) In FFY 2022 and FFY 2023, at least fifty per cent of the amounts expended by the state for a FFY for the FFPS program are to be for services that meet the "supported" and/or "well-supported" practice criteria. Beginning with FFY 2024 and for all FFYs going forward, states are to meet the fifty per cent "well-supported" practice criteria.
- (F) FFPS are to be at least one of the allowable types of services that have been rated by the Title IV-E prevention services clearinghouse, are identified in the state's five-year FFPS plan, and are provided by an approved provider through the center of excellence (COE).
- (G) Title IV-E agency administrative and training costs associated with the FFPS program will be reimbursed at fifty per cent.
- (H) FFPS program eligibility and program reimbursability are to be concurrently achieved before any reimbursement may be issued.
- (I) FFPS program administrative reimbursement will not be discounted by the eligibility ratio.