

**If you do not agree with your parental fee:**

- ◆ You may ask for a **review** of your account if circumstances such as your income or family size have changed. This review must be requested in writing and sent to Isanti County Family Services. Your request will be reviewed and you will be notified if your case qualifies for a change in your parental fee under Minnesota law.
- ◆ You may **request** a full or partial waiver of your fee. This request must be made in writing and sent to Isanti County Family Services. The request will be reviewed and determined if the fee creates an undue hardship within the scope of Minnesota Rule 9550.6230.
- ◆ For court ordered placements, a court hearing will be scheduled and you will be given the opportunity to be heard and provide information to the judge. The judge will then make a decision regarding the amount for which you are responsible.
- ◆ If the placement is a voluntary placement, and you are not satisfied with the review by Isanti County Family Services, you may appeal the parental fee to Department of Human Services, Appeals Office at PO Box 64941, St. Paul, MN 55164-0941. A referee will schedule a hearing if deemed appropriate and will decide if your fee can legally be modified.

# ISANTI COUNTY PARENTAL FEES

For more information about parental liability,  
contact:

**Isanti County Family Services  
Oakview Office Complex  
1700 East Rum River Drive South, Suite A  
Cambridge, MN 55008  
(763) 689-1711**

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE  
CHILDREN IN  
OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT

## WHAT IS PARENTAL FEE?

Parental fee is the legal responsibility both parents have to pay for the cost of care of their child in out-of-home placement. Parents are required to pay the fee whether they choose to place their child voluntarily or if the placement was court ordered. Police initiated placements such as 72-hour holds are included.

The types of out-of-home placements for which parents may be assessed a fee include:

- ◆ Family foster care
- ◆ Shelter care
- ◆ Group home
- ◆ Residential treatment care
- ◆ Detention
- ◆ Correctional

## WHEN WILL MY PARENTAL FEE BEGIN?

Your parental responsibility will be effective the date treatment or placement begins and continues throughout the time your child is in out-of-home placement.

## HOW IS THE PARENTAL FEE DETERMINED?

At the first hearing, you will be introduced to an employee of Isanti County Family Services who will explain what information will be needed to help determine what, if any, fee will be required for the cost of care.

For voluntary placements, parents will meet with an employee of Isanti County Family

Services at the time of the placement screening team, who will explain what information will be needed to help determine what, if any, fee will be required for the cost of care.

Any income received on behalf of the child including but not limited to Child Support, Adoption Subsidy, SSI, and RSDI shall be paid to Isanti County for your child's cost of care.

The parental fee is based on various factors including:

- ◆ Parental income (excluding stepparent income)
- ◆ Household size

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT SEND ISANTI COUNTY MY FINANCIAL INFORMATION FORMS?

If you fail to respond:

- ◆ Isanti County will bill you the **FULL** cost of your child's out of home placement.
- ◆ Isanti County will bill you an additional non-refundable **Service Charge** pursuant to M.S. 373.41.
- ◆ Isanti County may proceed with further action to enforce the rights of Isanti County.
- ◆ Isanti County may take your tax refunds and lottery winnings pursuant to M.S. 270A.01 - 270A.12.

- ◆ Isanti County will file a judgement against your claim that will be docketed with the court. This may result in property liens, credit bureau reports, interest charges, and wage levies.

## WHEN WILL MY PARENTAL FEE STOP?

Your parental fee will stop accruing when your child is discharged from out-of-home placement.

Any parental fee assessed will remain your responsibility until your account is paid in full. The assessment and collection of parental fees is authorized by Minnesota Statutes 373.41, 260B.331, 260C.331, and 260C.188 and Isanti County Policy.

## WILL I HAVE OTHER FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE MY CHILD IS IN AN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT?

You will still be responsible for the cost of your child's clothing, medical and dental care expenses. If the child is covered by health or medical insurance, you will be required to provide information and sign the Assignment of Benefits form. You may also be asked to make an application for Medical Assistance for your child.

## CAN MY PARENTAL FEE BE CHANGED?

Your parental fee cannot be changed simply because you feel you cannot pay it. There are laws that state when your fee can be changed. Not being able to pay is not a reason to change your parental fee.