Overview of the Permanency Support Program Foster Care and Aboriginal Foster Care Baseline Packages

This overview supports the business rules for the eligibility criteria of PSP service packages.

Baseline Packages To support a child or young person's placement including overhead costs, administration, carer costs, property costs and other service provision. Packages are mutually exclusive.

	Description	Price	Payment specification	Inclusions
Foster Care	Funds non-Aboriginal service providers to support a child or young people in statutory OOHC placed with an authorised foster carer, relative/kin carer, prospective guardian or prospective adoptive parent (cared for in the carer's own home or, rarely, in a home owned or rented by a service provider).	**$40,120**	Annual payment	• Carer on-costs (such as recruitment, assessment, training) • Case management • Other staff commitments (including overheads) • Household expenses and child related costs (such as housing, utilities, food, transport, recreation, medical, dental, clothing, education, personal care, birth certificates). • Ongoing cultural care planning • Planned absences and respite • Management/administration overheads • Carer allowance (age related) • Foster care caseworker training including child specific trauma informed practice • Recruitment of specialist carers for children who step down from ITC
Aboriginal Foster Care	Funds Aboriginal Service Providers to support an Aboriginal child or young person in statutory OOHC.	**$41,580**	Annual payment	• All services provided by Foster Care Baseline Package (above) • Community education (for example attending training around health and wellbeing, training local carers on Aboriginal matters) • Community programs and connections (such as NAIDOC, Sorry Day, Community relationship building) • Community level family work (preventative) (such as providing advice, running skills workshops, counselling services) **Comment: Only accredited Aboriginal service providers will receive this Baseline Package.**
Case Coordination (post permanency casework support)	Provides casework support to a child or young person following restoration, guardianship or adoption.	**$16,049**	Up to 6 months	• Case management • Other staff commitments (including overheads) • Management/administration overheads • Caseworker training in child specific trauma informed practice **Comment: Packages will be approved where support is needed following the achievement of a case plan goal.**
Case Coordination (not in placement)	Funds a service provider to continue supporting a child 'Not in placement' to work towards returning the child to an authorised placement.	**$22,911**	Up to 6 months (a 6 month extension may be considered with a max. 12 months)	• Case management • Other staff commitments (including overheads) • Management/administration overheads • Caseworker training in child specific trauma informed practice • Outreach activities, travel and brokerage