

# Adoption Services & Foster Care Prompt Payment

(FY 2018 Appropriation Act - Public Act 107 of 2017)

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**Sec. 533.** (1) *The department shall make payments to child placing facilities for in-home and out-of-home care services and adoption services within 30 days of receiving all necessary documentation from those agencies. It is the intent of the legislature that the burden of ensuring that these payments are made in a timely manner and no payments are in arrears is upon the department.*

**(2) *By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall submit a report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget office that details each private child placing agency and the percentage of payments that were in excess of 30 days during the entire prior fiscal year and the first quarter of the current fiscal year.***



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Each private agency is responsible for approving their foster care payment roster through the Michigan's Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (MiSACWIS) or through the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) phone process before Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) can release a payment. Payments are issued within 14 days of approval of the payment roster by the private child placing agency.

Payments for adoption services have not yet been incorporated into MiSACWIS but are planned for implementation. MDHHS will provide technical assistance and training to adoption agencies to ensure a smooth transition with this implementation. Until that time, adoption payments continue to be paid through a process that requires manual submission of documentation from adoption agencies and manual review and verification of the documentation by MDHHS.

During fiscal year 2017 and the first quarter of fiscal year 2018, there were 5,173 adoption payment vouchers submitted by contracted adoption agencies. Efforts are made to process adoption payment vouchers within 30 days of receiving the complete adoption payment voucher and required supporting documentation. Approximately sixty-six percent of the vouchers were approved by the MDHHS Office of Child Welfare Policy and Programs and sent to MDHHS' accounting unit within 30 days of receiving the voucher and required documentation. Payment is issued within one to two weeks of the accounting unit receiving the approved voucher. Approximately thirty-four percent of the vouchers took longer than 30 days to process due to a required, more detailed review of the vouchers as agencies were requesting an exception to the eligible payment rate, and additional documentation and/or clarification was needed from the adoption agency.

The attached report provides payments made to private child placing agencies in FY 2017, as well as the first quarter of FY 2018, and the percentage of foster care payments per agency that were in excess of 30 days.

## FY 2017 and 1st Quarter FY 2018 Payments

Agency	Total # of Payment Requests	Within 30 Days	Within 30 Days (%)	After 30 Days	After 30 Days (%)
Adoption Option, Inc.	2,003	1,894	94.56%	0	0.00%
ADOPTION SPECIALISTS INC	5,461	5,143	94.18%	0	0.00%
ARBOR CIRCLE CORPORATION	2,341	2,021	86.33%	0	0.00%
Bethany Christian Services-Fremont	54,168	48,587	89.70%	0	0.00%
Betsy's Place LLC Caro	995	995	100.00%	0	0.00%
Beverly House	7,554	7,188	95.15%	0	0.00%
BOYS TO MEN GROUP HOME	109	109	100.00%	0	0.00%
Breton Valley	813	812	99.88%	1	0.12%
Calumet Center	902	894	99.11%	0	0.00%
CAO HOME	229	229	100.00%	0	0.00%
CASA PACIFICA, CENTERS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIE	4	4	100.00%	0	0.00%
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF JACKSON COUNTY	3,059	2,643	86.40%	0	0.00%
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN	1,827	1,605	87.85%	1	0.05%
Catholic Charities West Michigan - GR	8,465	7,036	83.12%	0	0.00%
Catholic Charities West Michigan - Muskegon	4,021	3,503	87.12%	0	0.00%
CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST MICHIGAN - TC	374	372	99.47%	0	0.00%
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES	1,091	910	83.41%	0	0.00%
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES FLINT	4,057	3,775	93.05%	0	0.00%
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF WASHTENAW	2,558	2,359	92.22%	0	0.00%
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SVCS LANSING ST VINCENT	6,193	6,003	96.93%	0	0.00%
Child & Family Services - Northeast Michigan	3,117	2,894	92.85%	0	0.00%
CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES CAPITOL AREA	9,146	8,651	94.59%	0	0.00%
Child & Family Services of Northwestern Michi	7,325	6,499	88.72%	5	0.07%
Child & Family Services of the Upper Peninsul	1,365	1,323	96.92%	0	0.00%
Child Safe Michigan Judson CS	3,830	3,224	84.18%	0	0.00%
Children's Center Wayne Co	12,526	11,583	92.47%	1	0.01%
CHILDRENS COMPREHENSIVE	15	15	100.00%	0	0.00%
Children's Village	782	782	100.00%	0	0.00%
Christ Child House	1,221	1,221	100.00%	0	0.00%
Community Care Organization	293	293	100.00%	0	0.00%
Community Social Services of Wayne County	5,123	4,371	85.32%	0	0.00%
Cook-Claus Home	3,042	3,042	100.00%	0	0.00%
Crossroads For Youth	1,097	1,097	100.00%	0	0.00%
DA Blodgett For Children	11,032	9,408	85.28%	0	0.00%
DELEWARE HOME	157	157	100.00%	0	0.00%
Detroit Capstone	1,888	1,888	100.00%	0	0.00%
Don Bosco Hall Sutton House	207	198	95.65%	6	2.90%
EAGLE VILLAGE LEPPHEN HOUSE	4,538	4,116	90.70%	0	0.00%
ENNIS CENTER FOR CHILDREN - PONTIAC	20,757	19,199	92.49%	0	0.00%
FAFF Place	302	302	100.00%	0	0.00%
Fair Oaks	270	270	100.00%	0	0.00%
Family and Community Services-Livingston	12,170	10,773	88.52%	0	0.00%
Family Service & Children's Aid - Jackson Cou	2,784	2,360	84.77%	0	0.00%
Forever Families	3,661	3,166	86.48%	0	0.00%
Fostering Futures	4,882	4,600	94.22%	0	0.00%
FOSTERING SOLUTIONS	1,899	1,767	93.05%	0	0.00%
Gail's House	12,338	11,382	92.25%	0	0.00%
Girlstown	2,766	2,501	90.42%	0	0.00%
Glen Mills Schools	2	2	100.00%	0	0.00%
GROWING HOPE THROUGH LOVE	930	836	89.89%	0	0.00%
HANDS ACROSS THE WATER	4,827	4,253	88.11%	0	0.00%
HAVENWYCK HOSPITAL	843	843	100.00%	0	0.00%
HERMITAGE HALL	15	15	100.00%	0	0.00%

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Highfields	344	344	100.00%	0	0.00%
Holy Cross Services -Bowman House	11,621	11,196	96.34%	1	0.01%
Homes For Black Children	3,185	3,019	94.79%	0	0.00%
HOUSE OF PROVIDENCE	432	432	100.00%	0	0.00%
KIDSPACE NATIONAL CENTERS INC.	58	58	100.00%	0	0.00%
Lakeside	2,827	2,827	100.00%	0	0.00%
Let's Talk About It Girls Home II	165	165	100.00%	0	0.00%
Let's Talk About It Home For Young Men	266	266	100.00%	0	0.00%
Listening Ear Crisis Center	102	102	100.00%	0	0.00%
LIVINGSTON COUNTY CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVIC	2,330	2,037	87.42%	0	0.00%
Macomb Children's Respite Home	7,026	6,393	90.99%	0	0.00%
Maumee Youth Center	554	554	100.00%	0	0.00%
Methodist Children's Home	7,191	6,866	95.48%	0	0.00%
MURACK LODGE	116	108	93.10%	1	0.86%
MUSKEGON RIVER PATHWAY OF HOPE	2,437	2,437	100.00%	0	0.00%
NEW HOPE YOUTH SERVICES LLC	531	531	100.00%	0	0.00%
New Light Child & Family Institute	4,334	3,744	86.39%	0	0.00%
OAKLAND FAMILY SERVICES	8,771	7,766	88.54%	0	0.00%
Optimist House	2,327	2,327	100.00%	0	0.00%
Orchards Childrens Services	15,678	14,024	89.45%	2	0.01%
PATHWAYS MI	729	707	96.98%	0	0.00%
Paul Martin Home For Boys	1,254	1,254	100.00%	0	0.00%
PINE REST COMMUNITY SERVICES	1,722	1,722	100.00%	0	0.00%
PINEVIEW HOMES INC	1,313	1,313	100.00%	0	0.00%
REAL INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM	557	556	99.82%	0	0.00%
Ruth Ellis Intensive Treatment Unit	260	260	100.00%	0	0.00%
Samaritas - Southeast	50,245	46,238	92.03%	5	0.01%
SAULT STE MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIAN	4,105	3,814	92.91%	0	0.00%
Shepherds Crossing	863	863	100.00%	0	0.00%
Spaulding For Children	7,933	7,278	91.74%	0	0.00%
ST FRANCIS FAMILY SERVICES	3,331	2,995	89.91%	0	0.00%
St. Louis Center	282	282	100.00%	0	0.00%
STARR COMMONWEALTH	5,653	5,283	93.45%	0	0.00%
Sunny Crest Youth Ranch	1,171	1,171	100.00%	0	0.00%
TEACHING FAMILY HOMES OF UPPER MI	1,875	1,867	99.57%	0	0.00%
The Professional Home for Youth	224	224	100.00%	0	0.00%
Transitional Living Program	965	965	100.00%	0	0.00%
U.P. KIDS	2,071	1,864	90.00%	0	0.00%
Upper Peninsula Family Solutions	5,965	5,278	88.48%	1	0.02%
Vista Maria Foster Care	12,829	12,008	93.60%	18	0.14%
Wayne Center	1,510	1,385	91.72%	0	0.00%
Wellspring Lutheran Services -E. Lansing	24,627	21,586	87.65%	0	0.00%
WEST MI PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN	927	927	100.00%	0	0.00%
WESTVIEW HOME FOR BOYS II	364	364	100.00%	0	0.00%
Wolverine Human Services Aftercare	21,018	19,884	94.60%	14	0.07%
YOUTH GUIDANCE FOSTER CARE	2,352	2,227	94.69%	0	0.00%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>465,814</b>	<b>426,624</b>	<b>91.59%</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0.01%</b>

\* Total does not equal 100% due to removal of payments requested in error that were not paid (such as duplicate payments).