

§ 400.117

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children in the State. Allowable benefits and services may include foster care maintenance (room, board, and clothing) payments; medical assistance; support services; services identified in the State's plans under titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act; services permissible under title XX of the Social Security Act; and expenditures incurred in establishing legal responsibility.

(b) A State may provide additional services if the Director, or his or her designee, determines such services to be reasonable and necessary for a particular child or children and provides written notification of such determination to the State.

§ 400.117 Provision of care and services.

(a) A State may provide care and services to an unaccompanied minor directly or through arrangements with a public or private child welfare agency approved or licensed under State law.

(b) If a State arranges for the care and services through a public or private nonprofit child welfare agency, it must retain oversight responsibility for the appropriateness of the unaccompanied minor's care.

§ 400.118 Case planning.

(a) A State, or its designee under § 400.117, must develop and implement an appropriate plan for the care and supervision of, and services provided to, each unaccompanied minor, to ensure that the child is placed in a foster home or other setting approved by the legally responsible agency and in accordance with the child's need for care and for social, health, and educational services.

(b) Case planning for unaccompanied minors must, at a minimum, address the following elements:

(1) Family reunification;

(2) Appropriate placement of the unaccompanied child in a foster home, group foster care, residential facility, supervised independent living, or other setting, as deemed appropriate in meeting the best interest and special needs if the child.

(3) Health screening and treatment, including provision for medical and

dental examinations and for all necessary medical and dental treatment.

(4) Orientation, testing, and counseling to facilitate the adjustment of the child to American culture.

(5) Preparation for participation in American society with special emphasis upon English language instruction and occupational as well as cultural training as necessary to facilitate the child's social integration and to prepare the child for independent living and economic self-sufficiency.

(6) Preservation of the child's ethnic and religious heritage.

(c) A State, or its designee under section 400.117 of this part, must review the continuing appropriateness of each unaccompanied minor's living arrangement and services no less frequently than every 6 months.

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§ 400.119 Interstate movement.

After the initial placement of an unaccompanied minor, the same procedures that govern the movement of nonrefugee foster cases to other States apply to the movement of unaccompanied minors to other States.

§ 400.120 Reporting requirements.

A State must submit to ORR, on forms prescribed by the Director, the following reports on each unaccompanied minor:

(a) An initial report within 30 days of the date of the minor's placement in the State;

(b) A progress report every 12 months beginning with 12 months from the date of the initial report in paragraph (a);

(c) A change of status report within 60 days of the date that—

(1) The minor's placement is changed;

(2) Legal responsibility of any kind for the minor is established or transferred; or

(d) A final report within 60 days of the date of that the minor—

(1) Is reunited with a parent; or

(2) Is united with an adult, other than a parent, in accordance with § 400.113(b) or § 400.115(c) of this part.