

MISSOURI 2008 REVISED FINDING AND
DISALLOWANCE LETTER

Director Ronald J. Levy
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Dear Director Levy:

As a result of the Departmental Appeals Board (DAB) Decision # 2253, this letter is to inform you of the revised findings of the primary eligibility review of Missouri's title IV-E foster care program conducted in September 2008. It is also to notify you of the Children's Bureau's decision to rescind a disallowance associated with sample case MO-80.

Originally, the final report from December 2008 noted five error cases and three eligible cases with ineligible payments occurring outside the period under review. Cases MO-73 and MO-80 are no longer found to be in error, although MO-73 still includes ineligible payments. Therefore, Missouri has been found to have a total of three error cases (MO-33, MO-42 and MO OS-2) and four non-error case with ineligible payments (MO-8, MO-16, MO-54 and MO-73) for the period under review (PUR) of October 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008.

Accordingly, the Children's Bureau has determined that Missouri's title IV-E foster care maintenance payment program is in substantial compliance with Federal eligibility requirements for the above PUR. Since Missouri has been found in substantial compliance, a secondary review will not be required. The next primary review will be held in Federal Fiscal Year 2011. In addition, Missouri is no longer required to complete a program improvement plan.

Based on revised findings, we are rescinding a disallowance in the amount of \$11,301.90 Federal financial participation (FFP) in maintenance payments and \$10,745.00 FFP in related administrative costs for sample case MO-80. A supplemental Quarterly Report of Expenditures (Form ACF-IV-E-1) may be submitted to re-claim these amounts. The supplemental form must be submitted to the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Office of Management Services within 30 days of the date of this letter and must contain only the adjustments described above; other claims or revisions must not be included and will not be accepted. A copy of the supplemental form should be sent to the ACF Regional Office.

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The revised disallowance total for this review is \$5,806.95 FFP in maintenance payments and \$5,648.00 FFP in related administrative costs for the title IV-E foster care payments claimed for the error cases and an additional \$2,727.59 FFP in maintenance payments and \$17,216.00 FFP in related administrative costs are disallowed for the title IV-E foster care payments claimed improperly in the non-error cases. These figures have been revised due to a complete review of FFP calculations. Specifically, we neglected to apply Missouri's FMAP rate of 0.6242 to the maintenance payments leading to decreases in the maintenance costs still disallowed.

However, during our review we found an additional ineligible month of both maintenance and administrative payments for sample case MO OS-2. We also discovered that the administrative costs for sample case MO-8 were inadvertently conveyed as \$1,540.00 instead of \$15,540.00. Therefore, based on the revised findings and fiscal omissions, the total payments disallowed equal to \$31,398.54 not \$29,671.49 as noted in the original Final Report. See Chart 1 (attached) for further breakdown.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this notification, please contact Rosalyn Wilson, CB's Child Welfare Regional Program Manager in Region VII at (816) 426-2262 or by e-mail at rosalyn.wilson@acf.hhs.gov. You also may contact Jason Bohn, CB's Children and Families Program Specialist in Region VII, at (816) 426-2260 or by email at jason.bohn@acf.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Children's Bureau

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Case Record Summary - Ineligible Payments (Chart 1)

Sample No.	Nature of Ineligible Payment	Dates of Ineligibility		Total Main. Dollars	Federal Maintenance Payments	Federal Administrative Payments
MO-33	Child was not removed from the home of a specific relative	6/1/2007	1/7/2008	\$829.50	\$517.77	\$3,926.00
MO-42	Pre-adoption placement not licensed as a Foster Care facility	3/1/2008	3/31/2008	\$521.73	\$325.66	\$574.00
MO OS-2	Care of child not vested with State	1/3/2008	2/28/2008	\$7,951.80	\$4,963.51	\$1,148.00
	Error Cases Totals			\$9,303.03	\$5,806.94	\$5,648.00
MO-8	Reasonable efforts to finalize not met	4/1/2001	10/1/2002	\$2,900.09	\$1,810.24	\$15,540.00
		12/1/2002	5/1/2004	\$831.00	\$518.71	
MO-16	Payment made to Great Plains Active Hospital. Hospitals are not allowable facilities under Title IV-E Foster Care.	9/28/2007	9/28/2007	\$35.79	\$22.34	\$551.00
MO-54	Placed in unlicensed Foster Care facility	5/1/2007	5/31/2007	\$188.16	\$117.45	\$551.00
MO-73	Ineligible placement	2/7/2008	2/28/2008	\$414.70	\$258.86	\$574.00
	Non-Error Cases Total			\$4,369.74	\$2,727.59	\$17,216.00
				Maintenance	Maintenance FFP	Administrative FFP
			Totals	\$13,672.77	\$8,534.54	\$22,864.00
			Total		\$31,398.54	
DAB reversed error & disallowance finding						
MS-80	E.16 - Reasonable efforts to finalize not met	3/1/2001	9/30/2008	\$11,301.90	\$11,301.90	\$10,745.00