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TO: Chrissy Vogeley, Project Coordinator
Department of Family and Community Services

FROM: April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator 
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

DATE: October 27, 2026

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Department of Family and Community Services

Department of Family and Community Services regulations re: Reimbursement rates for emergency shelter care in foster homes (7 AAC 53.040)

Attorney General File:	2026200185
Regulation Filed:	10/27/2026
Effective Date:	11/26/2026
Print:	260, January 2027

cc with enclosures: Legislation, Regulations, and Legislative Research Section
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October 23, 2026

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110015
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Re: Approval and Submission of Regulations for Filing
7 AAC 53.040: DFCS: Reimbursement rates for emergency shelter care in
foster homes
Our file: 2026200185

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

Pursuant to AS 44.62.060, the Department of Law has reviewed the enclosed regulations adopted by the Department of Family and Community Services, concerning reimbursement rates for emergency shelter care in foster homes.

Our review examined each regulation for legality, existence of statutory authority, clarity, compliance with the *Drafting Manual for Administrative Regulations*, and conformance with the procedural requirements of AS 44.62.010 - 44.62.290.

Based upon this review, the Department of Law approves each regulation as to form and legality. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to accept the regulations for filing.

In the course of review, the regulations attorney made technical and conforming changes under AS 44.62.125. These changes are incorporated into the enclosed copy and do not alter the substantive effect or meaning of the regulations.

To: Hon. Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor
Our file: 2026200185; 7 AAC 53.040

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We hereby submit the regulations to you for filing under AS 44.62.040 on behalf of the Department of Family and Community Services.

Sincerely,

CORI MILLS
ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Appendix I: Adoption Order

ORDER ADOPTING CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

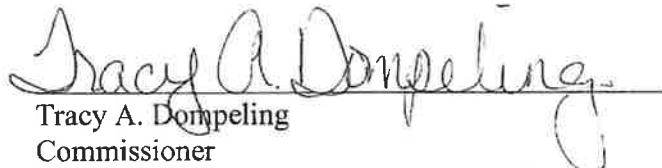
The attached regulations, dealing with reimbursement rates for emergency shelter in a foster home, are adopted and certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Department of Family and Community Services adopts under the authority of AS 44.30.020; AS 47.14.010; AS 47.06.010, AS 47.32.030 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Although no public comments were received, the Department of Family and Community Services paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes adopted under this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

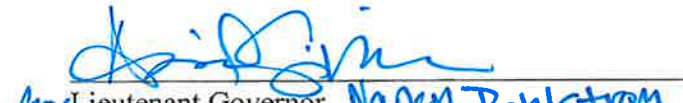
Date: 10/13/2026


Tracy A. Dompeling
Commissioner
Department of Family and Community Services

April Simpson, for
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FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dalhstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on October 27, 2026, at 11:05am., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.


for Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dalhstrom

Effective: November 26, 2026.

Register: 260, January 2027.

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
signed and affixed the Seal of the State of
Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.**



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

7 AAC 53 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 AAC 53.035. Emergency placement rate. (a) The department may authorize an emergency placement rate in an emergency situation in which less than 24-hour notice was given to the foster parents before placement of a child in the home if the foster parents meet the licensure requirements set out in 7 AAC 67.040 or 7 AAC 67.045 at the time of emergency placement.

(b) Emergency placement rate is 125 percent of the base rate for the age range set out in 7 AAC 53.030(b)(3) and adjusted for geographic differentials.

(c) The department will authorize an emergency placement rate for no more than 10 days for a child in a foster home. (Eff. 11 / 26 / 2026, Register 260)

Authority: AS 44.30.020 AS 47.14.010
AS 47.06.010 AS 47.32.030

7 AAC 53.040(a) is repealed and readopted to read:

(a) The department will authorize emergency shelter rates only for a licensed foster home under 7 AAC 67 that has a specialization for emergency shelter care under 7 AAC 67.400 - 7 AAC 67.410.

7 AAC 53.040(b) is amended to read:

(b) Emergency shelter rates are 125 percent of the base rate for the age range set out in 7 AAC 53.030(b)(3) and adjusted for geographic differentials **plus \$40 a day**.

Register 260, January 2027

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

7 AAC 53.040(c) is repealed:

(c) Repealed 11 / 26 / 2026 . (Eff. 7/1/90, Register 114; am 11/16/94, Register 132; am 1/1/96, Register 136; am 3/31/2005, Register 173; am 8/1/2015, Register 215; am 7/1/2022, Register 242; am 11 / 26 / 2026, Register 260)

Authority: AS 44.30.020 AS 47.14.010
AS 47.06.010 AS 47.32.030