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TO: Tribal & County Departments of Human/Social Services Directors
FROM: Margaret C. Carpenter, Administrator 
SUBJECT: Reimbursement for High-Cost Indian Juvenile Placements

In late June, Governor Doyle signed into law the state budget, 2009 Wisconsin Act 28, which provides reimbursement to tribes and counties that experience unusual, high-cost out-of-home placements for Indian juveniles that have been adjudicated delinquent.

The program is outlined in s. 938.48 (8p) of Wisconsin Statutes, as shown below:

(8p) INDIAN JUVENILE PLACEMENTS. Reimburse tribes and county departments, from the appropriation under s. 20.410 (1) (kp), for unexpected or unusually high-cost out-of-home care placements of Indian juveniles who have been adjudicated delinquent. In this subsection, "unusually high-cost out-of-home care placements" means the amount by which the cost to a tribe or to a county department of out-of-home care placements of Indian juveniles who have been adjudicated delinquent exceeds \$50,000 in a fiscal year.

A total of \$75,000 is available per fiscal year for tribes and counties that incur out-of-home placement costs for Indian youth adjudicated delinquent that exceed \$50,000 in a fiscal year.

DJC will allocate reimbursement funds based on out-of-home placement costs incurred by tribes and counties through June 30, 2010. DJC is developing allocation criteria and an application process that will be used to allocate reimbursement funds. Information regarding the reimbursement allocation and application process will be provided to tribes and counties in February 2010.

If you have any questions regarding reimbursement for Indian juvenile placements, please contact David Bajkiewicz, DJC Budget & Policy Analyst, at (608) 240-5920 or by e-mail at David.Bajkiewicz@wisconsin.gov.

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