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# Summary of Out-of-Home Placement Reimbursement Aid Certified for 2021

Out of Home Placement Reimbursement Aid is available to qualifying tribes and counties.

- I. Tribes
- II. Counties

## 2020 Law Changes

This is the third year of the Out-of-Home Placement Reimbursement Aid program. There were no changes to the program during 2020 legislative sessions as of July 31, 2020.

## Certification by Commissioner of Human Services

The commissioner of human services certifies the following previous calendar year information to the commissioner of revenue by July 1 each year.

- The amount paid out of each county's social service agency budget (i.e., nonfederal share) for out-of-home placement of Indian children
- Reimbursement amounts received from the federal government for out-of-home placement received by each initiative tribe under [Minnesota Statutes, section 246.01, subdivision 14b](#)
- Beginning with aid payable in 2021, those counties that are eligible for a 50% reduction in aid due to being substantially out of compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act or the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act for two consecutive years as determined by the commissioner of human services

## I. Tribes

A total of \$5,000,000 is available for Out-of-Home Placement Reimbursement Aid. Eligible tribes receive the greater of:

- 5% of their reimbursement amount received from the federal government, or
- \$200,000.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and White Earth Band of Ojibwe are eligible for 2021 aid. They each receive \$200,000, making the total appropriation to tribes \$400,000.

## II. Counties

The total available to the counties is the amount remaining after subtracting the distribution to the tribes. The total available for counties is \$4,600,000. Each county receives a proportional share of its costs for out-of-home placements.

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For aid payable in 2021, 30 counties were certified by the commissioner of human services to be eligible for a 50% reduction in aid as described above. After those reductions, the aid amount that will be distributed to counties is \$3,937,141. The remaining \$662,859 will be returned to the state's general fund.

## **Out-of-Home Placement Reimbursement Aid Payment Dates**

Out-of-Home Placement Aid is paid to tribes and counties on July 20 and December 26 each year.