



# Respite Rules



7.708.31.C. Substitute Care in the foster care home occurs when foster parents are unable to provide supervision and care. The foster parents shall arrange for a qualified substitute who is familiar with these rules and with the foster child(ren) in care to provide temporary supervision and care to the foster child(ren) in the child(ren)'s identified foster care home.

## **In respite care for up to six (6) hours in the foster home setting.**

- It is preferable that the provider of substitute care be at least sixteen (16) years old.

Exceptions based on age and maturity can be made with concurrence of the foster parent and the certifying authority, but in no case should the provider of substitute care be less than fourteen (14) years of age.

## **In respite care for more than six (6) hours in the foster home setting.**

- The substitute care provider must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
  - Trained in first aid and CPR and must have completed the following background checks:
    - Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
    - Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
    - State Department's automated system

## **In respite care outside of the home.**

- MUST be in a currently certified foster home or facility
- No more than thirty (30) days in a home not at capacity
- No more than seven (7 ) consecutive days and twenty-eight (28 ) calendar days in a home that exceeds capacity

**Please remember you MUST coordinate reimbursement PRIOR to respite occurring.**

Additional questions?

Always contact your foster care certification worker first.