



**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**

**JUVENILE JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM
BUSINESS RULE**

SUBJECT: COST OF CARE

PROCEDURE NUMBER: 05-001

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 6, 2005

REVISED DATE: June 2015

PROGRAM AREA (S): DETENTION, PROBATION, RESIDENTIAL

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

Under Florida law (F.S. 985), parents, guardians, and noncustodial parents may be charged for the supervision, care, support, and maintenance of their child in secure or home detention, probation supervision, residential commitment, conditional release, nonresidential commitment and post commitment probation.

Cost of Care bills are sent directly to the billable family member based on disposition and placement. If a reduction or waiver is not entered into the Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS), the member will be billed the full amount.

1. JPO shall identify who is the legal billable family member and mark them as the “primary” bill to person in JJIS.
 - a. If youth has been court ordered to pay the cost of care fees, then check the *Bill Youth for Cost of Care* box.
2. Within two (2) working days of receipt of a signed court order, the designated staff will enter the reduction or waiver into JJIS. [Refer to Circuit policy].
3. Not all billable dispositions will have an associated billable placement.
4. When there is a change in referral associated with a billable placement, a new waiver/reduction needs to be entered.
5. There could be multiple waivers/reductions entered for one referral depending on disposition or current placement.
6. Every time a billable disposition is entered, the billable family member and address will need to be verified.
7. In transfer situations, if cost of care is waived or reduced in SENDING CIRCUIT, the RECEIVING CIRCUIT will enter the waiver/ reduction on new referral

BILLABLE DISPOSITIONS	BILLABLE PLACEMENTS
Probation	Probation, Post Commitment Probation
Commitment	Committed Pending Placement, Commitment, Conditional Release
Detained	Secure Detention, Home Detention

Cost of Care may be waived or reduced if:

1. The court finds the family/guardian is indigent
2. The court finds the fee would impose a significant financial hardship
3. The court finds that the parent was the victim of the delinquent act
4. The court finds that the parent is cooperating or has cooperated with the investigation of the offense.
5. The youth is in foster care. No court order is required.
6. This is an interstate compact youth. No court order is required.

REFERENCES

- Interim Policy- Cost of Care Recovery for Detention and Residential Commitment Programs [July 1, 2000]
- FSS 985.039 Cost of supervision; cost of care