

Specialized Rate Methodology

1. Specialized caregiving provisions are listed in the Nebraska Caregiver Responsibilities (NCR) Tool
2. Provisions listed in the NCR Specialized tier require a significant investment of time and resources, including:
 - a. Flexible or reduced work hours
 - b. Specialized Training
 - c. Frequent medical or behavioral health appointments
 - d. Additional transportation time and cost for appointments
 - e. Extensive coordination of care with other providers and educational services
3. It is anticipated that approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ or 25 percent of household's income earning capacity will be forfeited by providing care for a youth in the specialized rate tier.
 - a. According to the US Census Bureau, median household income for Nebraska is: \$59,116.
 - b. 25% of the median household income is: \$14,779 annually or \$40.49 daily
 - c. Adding the additional daily cost above to the current intensive rate results in the chart below:

AGE	PROPOSED INTENSIVE RATE	PROPOSED SPECIALIZED RATE	PROPOSED ANNUAL
0-5	\$37.26	\$77.75	\$28,378.75
6-11	\$42.06	\$82.55	\$30,130.75
12-18	\$43.73	\$84.22	\$30,740.30

Sources:

Annual household income data: https://www.census.gov/search-results.html?q=median+household+income+by+state&page=1&stateGeo=none&searchtype=web&cssp=SERP&_charset=utf-8