



Understanding How Guardians Get Paid

Private Pay

What are the income resources for the individual?
i.e. SSA, SSI, SSDI, trusts, pensions, retirement,
annuities, settlements etc..

If there are significant resources and they are NOT on Medicaid (They will make cash payments)

Guardian's set their own rates they are not standardized and there should be various rates for various duties.

- i.e. guardian rate, financial rate, miscellaneous shopping, payee rate

LOW Income and on Medicaid

DDA/ DCS Supported Living Clients typically are low income by virtue of qualifying for Medicaid.

- These people are on low income and **pay for all of their expenses from monthly income SSI, SSA, SSDI.**

It is best practice to agree with the payee what the individual can afford in their budget.

- Some guardians may reduce their rate.**
- Is there a trust or other available resources to be able to collect fees?**

“Participation” Where does it come from?

**Medicaid and Low Income
Services received by DSHS
Home and Community or
DDA/ DCS.**

What is the Living Situation?

Is the situation stable?

Will they be staying or should they relocate?

i.e. Adult Family Home, Boarding Home, Assisted Living, RCH, State Hospital, Nursing Home, Independent Living

DSHS will complete an assessment

The level of care will be determined.

The state uses a formula of income,
cost of care (the individual can contribute)

=PARTICIPATION

Allowable costs/fees and guardian fees are set at \$235 per month by DSHS.

Professional payee services are an allowed fee.

IF the guardian is **NOT the payee** the \$235 is reduced by the going rate for payee services.

DDA/DCS Supported Living Programs
DO NOT USE participation for
guardian fees!

If no one will take the individual

The Office of Public Guardianship might be an option.

There is a process OPG has to see if the person will qualify.

Last but not least...

Make sure guardian fees are listed in the original order.