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| Client Expenses  31302 |
| Outcome objective: Victorians have capabilities to participate  Output group: Child Protection and Family Services  Output: Specialist Support Services |

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**1. Service objective**

To provide additional financial support to children, young people and families involved with child protection or children and young people placed in out-of-home care.  
Financial support includes client expenses and other flexible funding as identified through the case planning process.

**2. Description of the service**

The statutory child protection program may identify client expenses and flexible funding for children and young people who are living at home or in kinship care and where there is current child protection involvement.  
Community service organisations may seek additional client-related flexible funding, which is linked to case planning processes and assessed level of need.

**3. Client group**

Children, young people and their families identified by child protection are eligible for client expenses.  
Children and young people in out-of-home care are eligible for client expenses. Out-of-home care consists of the following placement types:

* HBC general (31214)
* HBC intensive (31418)
* HBC complex (31216)
* HBC Therapeutic foster care (31413)
* HBC Adolescent community placement (31205)
* HBC Kinship care (31202)
* Permanent care (31138)
* Residential care (31415)
* Lead tenant (31188).

**4. Obligations specific to this activity**

In addition to the obligations listed in the Service Agreement, organisations funded to deliver this activity must comply with the following:

**4a. Registration and Accreditation**

N/A

**4b. Program requirements and other policy guidelines**

* [Statewide client support funding framework.](https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/support-home-based-carers-victoria)

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**5. Performance**

Funding is subject to achieving the performance targets specified in Schedule 2 of the Service Agreement.

Performance is measured as follows:

**Key performance measure 1: Number of clients**

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| **Aim/objective** | To count the number of clients that are being cared for by families or in out of home care who receive financial support through client expenses |
| **Target** | The performance measure target is provided in the Service Agreement |
| **Type of count** | Cumulative |
| **Counting rule** | Count total number of clients receiving a service during the reporting period |
| **Data source(s) collection** | * Out of Home Care |
| **Definition of terms** | Clients are defined as children and young people being cared for by families or in out-of-home care and involved with the statutory child protection program |

**6. Data collection**

The reporting requirements for this service are:

| **Data collection name** | **Data system** | **Data set** | **Reporting cycle** |
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| Out of Home Care | CRISSP | CRISSP | Quarterly |

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