




## FIA ACTION TRANSMITTAL

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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
DEPUTY / ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT  
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND ELIGIBILITY STAFF**

**FROM: NETSANET KIBRET, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 

**RE: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE BENEFIT INCREASE**

**PROGRAMS AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE (TCA)**

**ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS**

### SUMMARY

Pursuant to state law, DHS annually calculates whether the TCA and Food Supplement Program (FSP) benefits when added together meet or exceed 61% of the Minimum Living Level (MLL). *Maryland Human Services Code. Ann. §5-316(a) (1) (i)*. Based on FFY 2019 calculations, the TCA grant increases by 4.5% effective October 1, 2018 in compliance with state law.

Note: The U.S. Department of Agriculture sets the FSP benefits based on income and household size and the Thrifty Food Plan, which is updated each year on October 1st.

### ACTION REQUIRED

The new TCA payment amounts are effective October 1, 2018 and must be used to determine financial eligibility. This includes interim changes, recertification and recoupment cases. TCA benefits for October and beyond are correct in CARES.

The attached FIP Schedule and Schedule R show the increase in the TCA grant amounts and in the TCA recoupment amounts. The FIP schedule has a column for 50% of the monthly federal poverty level needed to determine stepparent eligibility.

This Action Transmittal (AT) replaces AT 18-09.

### INQUIRIES

Please direct policy questions to [fia.policy@maryland.gov](mailto:fia.policy@maryland.gov) and systems questions to [fia.bsdm@maryland.gov](mailto:fia.bsdm@maryland.gov).

CC: DHS Executive Staff  
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**FIP SCHEDULE**  
**Effective October 1, 2018**

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Allowable Payment</b>	<b>Used for Stepparent Deemed Income 50% of Monthly Poverty Level</b>	<b>Total Children With One Needy Caretaker</b>
1	\$320	\$506	
2	\$561	\$686	1
3	\$709	\$866	2
4	\$849	\$1,046	3
5	\$985	\$1,226	4
6	\$1,083	\$1,406	5
7	\$1,217	\$1,586	6
8	\$1,339	\$1,766	7
9	\$1,444	\$1,946	8
10	\$1,560	\$2,126	9
11	\$1,701	\$2,306	10
12	\$1,779	\$2,486	11
13	\$1,888	\$2,666	12
14	\$1,988	\$2,846	13
15	\$2,112	\$3,026	14
16	\$2,247	\$3,206	15
17	\$2,381	\$3,386	16
18	\$2,513	\$3,566	17
19	\$2,645	\$3,746	18
20	\$2,777	\$3,926	19
21	\$2,910	\$4,106	20

Poverty level changes were effective January 1, 2018. Add \$127 for each person in household sizes larger than 21. Add \$174 per household member for 50% of poverty over household size of 21.

**FIP SCHEDULE R**  
**Effective October 1, 2018**

A	B	C	D
Family Size	Allowable Payment	Available Recoupment 10% of Col. - B	Available Recoupment 20% of Col- B
1	\$320	\$32	\$64
2	\$561	\$56	\$112
3	\$709	\$70	\$141
4	\$849	\$84	\$169
5	\$985	\$98	\$197
6	\$1,083	\$108	\$216
7	\$1,217	\$121	\$243
8	\$1,339	\$133	\$267
9	\$1,444	\$144	\$288
10	\$1,560	\$156	\$312
11	\$1,701	\$170	\$340
12	\$1,779	\$177	\$355
13	\$1,888	\$188	\$377
14	\$1,998	\$199	\$399
15	\$2,112	\$211	\$422
16	\$2,247	\$224	\$449
		The recoupment is the higher of \$10 or 10% if the recipient <b>has no other income</b> and it is an Agency or client caused overpayment (non-fraud or IPV)	The recoupment is the higher of \$20 or 20% if the recipient <b>has another source of income</b> and it is an Agency or Client caused overpayment (non-fraud or IPV)