

FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION

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Related State Laws	Maryland Human Services Code Annotated §5-16(a)(1)(i)(2)
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FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION (FIA) INFORMATION MEMO

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

FROM: AUGUSTIN NTABAGANYIMANA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE (TCA) BENEFIT INCREASE

**PROGRAMS AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE (TCA) PROGRAM
TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
(TDAP)**

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

Summary

The Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS) increased the Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP), and Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) benefit amount effective January 1, 2025. The maximum monthly TCA benefit for a household size of three increased from \$727 to \$753, representing a \$26 (3.6%) increase. TDAP benefits increased to \$339, which is equivalent to the maximum TCA benefit amount for a household of one. RCA benefits increased following the TCA payment schedule.

This adjustment is based on the updated Minimum Living Level (MLL) calculation, which reflects a 3.3% increase due to changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) between May 2023 and May 2024. The current benefit amount of \$727 has remained unchanged since FY 2020.

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Effective January 1, 2025, the monthly benefit amount for TCA and RCA will follow the Family Investment Program (FIP) Schedule below, while TDAP benefits will be equivalent to TCA maximum allowance for a household of one.

Note: This action transmittal replaces AT #22-26, AT#22-27, and AT#22-31.

FIP SCHEDULE
Effective January 1, 2025

Household Size	Allowable TCA Payment	Used for Stepparent Deemed Income 50% of Monthly Poverty Level	Total Children with One Needy Caretaker
1	\$339	\$652	0
2	\$596	\$881	1
3	\$753	\$1,110	2
4	\$902	\$1,340	3
5	\$1,046	\$1,569	4
6	\$1,149	\$1,798	5
7	\$1,292	\$2,027	6
8	\$1,421	\$2,256	7
9	\$1,553	\$2,485	8
10	\$1,656	\$2,715	9
11	\$1,806	\$2,944	10
12	\$1,889	\$3,173	11
13	\$2,005	\$3,402	12
14	\$2,122	\$3,631	13

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Household Size	Allowable TCA Payment	Used for Stepparent Deemed Income 50% of Monthly Poverty Level	Total Children with One Needy Caretaker
15	\$2,243	\$3,860	14
16	\$2,386	\$4,090	15
17	\$2,605	\$4,319	16
18	\$2,749	\$4,548	17
19	\$2,893	\$4,777	18
20	\$3,037	\$5,006	19
21	\$3,183	\$5,235	20

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FIP SCHEDULE - R
Effective January 1, 2025

Family Size	Allowable Payment	Available Recoupment 10% of Allowable Payment	Available Recoupment 20% of Allowable Payment
1	\$339	\$33	\$68
2	\$596	\$59	\$119
3	\$753	\$75	\$150
4	\$902	\$90	\$180
5	\$1,046	\$104	\$209
6	\$1,149	\$114	\$229
7	\$1,292	\$129	\$258
8	\$1,421	\$142	\$284
9	\$1,553	\$155	\$310
10	\$1,656	\$165	\$331
Family Size	Allowable Payment	Available Recoupment 10% of Allowable Payment	Available Recoupment 20% of Allowable Payment
11	\$1,806	\$180	\$361
12	\$1,889	\$188	\$377
13	\$2,005	\$200	\$401
14	\$2,122	\$212	\$424
15	\$2,243	\$224	\$448

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16	\$2,386	\$238	\$477
17	\$2,605	\$260	\$521
18	\$2,749	\$274	\$549
19	\$2,893	\$289	\$578
20	\$3,037	\$303	\$607
21	\$3,183	\$318	\$636

Systems Updates

1. The Eligibility and Enrollment (E&E) system was updated on December 8, 2024, for TCA
2. All active TCA, TDAP, and RCA recipients will receive a notice of the benefit change.

Action Required

- None - The E&E system has been modified.

Inquiries

Please direct policy questions to FIA Policy by completing the [FIA Policy Information Request Form](#). Montgomery County staff may submit their policy questions via email at fia.policy@maryland.gov.

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