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Family Investment Administration
ACTION TRANSMITTAL

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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS/CASE MANAGERS**

FROM: ROSEMARY MALONE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: REVISED FIP SCHEDULE

PROGRAMS AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

ORIGINATING OFFICE: FIA OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

SUMMARY:

FIA issued Action Transmittal #13-16 last fall, which described the TCA benefit increase that began **November 1, 2013**. A recent review found that the 2014 Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) gave two person TCA households a larger increase than the other household sizes. Therefore, we must correct the TCA payment standard for households of two so it matches the 2014 COLA adjustment for other household sizes.

The revised 2014 COLA for households of two will be effective June 1, 2014. We are re-issuing AT 13-16 with the corrected charts attached. CARES will process a mass change for the two person payment standard on Saturday, May 17.

This revised Action Transmittal corrects the Schedules for TCA assistance units with household size of two. Two person TCA households receiving Food Supplement Program (FSP) will see an increase in their FSP benefits unless they currently receive the maximum allotment.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Effective June 1, 2014, the maximum benefit for two person households will automatically decrease to **\$493 per month**. Effective immediately, case managers must use the attached **updated FIP schedules** for financial eligibility decisions at applications, interim changes, recertifications and recouplements.

Please note: changes in payment standards do not generate overpayments. Therefore, you may not establish or collect overpayments that are solely based on this revision of the 2014 payment standard.

The attached *FIP Schedule* and *Schedule R* reflect the updates to the TCA grant amount for household size of two and in the TCA recoupment amounts. The FIP Schedule also has a column for the 50% of the federal poverty level needed to determine whether to count a stepparent's income.

INQUIRIES:

Direct TCA policy questions to Marilyn Lorenzo at 410-767-7333 or marilyn.lorenzo@maryland.gov and Food Supplement policy inquiries to Rick McClendon at 410-767-7307 or rick.mcclendon@maryland.gov.

Attachments:
FIP Schedule
Schedule R

c: DHR Executive Staff
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FIP SCHEDULE
Effective November 1, 2013
 Revised Effective June 2014

Household Size	Allowable Payment	For Stepparent Deemed Income-50% of Poverty Level	Total Children with One Needy Caretaker
A	B	C	D
1	282	478	(1 child only)
2	493	646	1
3	624	813	2
4	755	981	3
5	875	1148	4
6	962	1316	5
7	1081	1483	6
8	1191	1651	7
9	1285	1818	8
10	1389	1986	9
11	1516	2153	10
12	1586	2321	11
13	1683	2488	12
14	1782	2656	13
15	1884	2823	14
16	2006	2991	15
17	2128	3158	16
18	2250	3326	17
19	2372	3493	18
20	2494	3661	19
21	2616	3828	20

For each individual over 21 add \$122.

**FIP
SCHEDULE R
Effective November 1, 2013
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A	B	C	D
Family Size	Allowable Payment	Available Recoupment: 10% of Column B	Available Recoupment: 20% of Column B
1	\$282	28	56
2	493	49	98
3	624	62	124
4	755	76	151
5	875	88	175
6	962	96	192
7	1081	108	216
8	1191	119	238
9	1285	126	257
10	1389	139	278
11	1516	152	303
12	1586	159	317
13	1683	168	337
14	1782	178	356
15	1884	188	377
16	2006	201	401