

FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION

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State Plan Implications?	No

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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) AND TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TDAP) BENEFIT INCREASES

**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) and Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP) benefit amounts, effective January 1, 2026. The maximum monthly TCA benefit for a household of three increased from \$753 to \$773, representing a \$20 (2.7%) increase. TDAP benefits increased from \$339 to \$348, which is equivalent to the maximum TCA benefit amount for a household of one.

This adjustment is based on the updated Minimum Living Level (MLL) calculation, which reflects a 2.4% increase due to changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) between 2025 and 2026.

Effective January 1, 2026, the monthly benefit amounts for TCA follow the Family Investment Program (FIP) Schedule below, while TDAP benefits will be

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equivalent to the TCA maximum allowance for a household of one. The FIP Schedule - R, indicating the amounts of automatic recoupment on active cases, is also included below.

Note: This Information Memorandum supersedes IM 25-12.

**FIP SCHEDULE
Effective January 1, 2026**

Household Size	Allowable TCA Monthly Payment	Used for Stepparent Deemed Income 50% of the Monthly Poverty Level	Total Children with One Caretaker
1	\$348	\$665	0
2	\$612	\$902	1
3	\$773	\$1,138	2
4	\$926	\$1,375	3
5	\$1,074	\$1,612	4
6	\$1,180	\$1,848	5
7	\$1,327	\$2,085	6
8	\$1,459	\$2,322	7
9	\$1,574	\$2,558	8
10	\$1,701	\$2,795	9
11	\$1,855	\$3,032	10
12	\$1,940	\$4,925	11
13	\$2,059	\$5,162	12
14	\$2,179	\$5,398	13
15	\$2,304	\$3,978	14
16	\$2,450	\$4,215	15

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Household Size	Allowable TCA Monthly Payment	Used for Stepparent Deemed Income 50% of the Monthly Poverty Level	Total Children with One Caretaker
17	\$2,675	\$4,452	16
18	\$2,823	\$4,688	17
19	\$2,971	\$4,925	18
20	\$3,119	\$5,162	19
21	\$3,269	\$5,398	20

**FIP SCHEDULE - R
Effective January 1, 2026**

Household Size	Allowable Payment	Available Recoupment 10% of Allowable Payment	Available Recoupment 20% of Allowable Payment
1	\$348	\$34	\$69
2	\$612	\$61	\$122
3	\$773	\$77	\$154
4	\$926	\$92	\$185
5	\$1,074	\$107	\$214
6	\$1,180	\$118	\$236
7	\$1,327	\$132	\$265
8	\$1,459	\$145	\$291
9	\$1,574	\$157	\$314
10	\$1,701	\$170	\$340
11	\$1,855	\$185	\$371
12	\$1,940	\$194	\$388
13	\$2,059	\$205	\$411

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Household Size	Allowable Payment	Available Recoupment 10% of Allowable Payment	Available Recoupment 20% of Allowable Payment
14	\$2,179	\$217	\$435
15	\$2,304	\$230	\$460
16	\$2,450	\$245	\$490
17	\$2,675	\$267	\$535
18	\$2,823	\$282	\$564
19	\$2,971	\$297	\$594
20	\$3,119	\$311	\$623
21	\$3,269	\$326	\$653

SYSTEMS UPDATES

1. The Eligibility and Enrollment (E&E) system was updated for TCA and TDAP on December 8, 2025.
2. All active TCA and TDAP recipients received a notice of the benefit change.

ACTION REQUIRED BY CASE MANAGER

None - The E&E system has been modified.

Inquiries

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