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July 17, 2024

Dear Foster Parents:

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) is pleased to inform you that we have increased our reimbursement rates for foster care effective July 1, 2024, by an average of 3.6%. This increase over FY2024 foster care rates is intended to enhance support for our foster parents and to account for the cost of living in Massachusetts.

Effective July 1, 2024, the Department is also increasing the quarterly clothing as well as the annual birthday and holiday allowance rates for children in care. Quarterly clothing rates have increased by an average of 3.6%, while birthday and holiday rates have doubled over FY2024 rates. These increases are consistent with the language in the *Act to Protect Children in the Care of the Commonwealth*, passed by the Legislature in July 2008.

The new daily, quarterly clothing, birthday and holiday rates effective July 1, 2024, are as follows:

Age Range	Daily Rate	Quarterly Clothing	Birthday (Annual)	Holiday (Annual)
Ages 0-5	\$33.27	\$330.44	\$100.00	\$200.00
Ages 6-12	\$37.71	\$340.82	\$100.00	\$200.00
Ages 13+	\$39.40	\$410.02	\$100.00	\$200.00

The daily rates are effective for all children in departmental foster care on July 1, 2024. Quarterly clothing allowances will be first issued for all children in departmental foster care on August 15, 2024. The rates are not retroactive to a child's date of placement.

The Department encourages all foster parents to elect to receive payments via direct deposit/**electronic funds transfer (EFT)**. To sign up for EFT, please contact your foster family social worker and request a blank EFT Authorization form. You may also contact the DCF Payment Assistance Line (PAL) at 1-800-632-8218 or by email at dcf.paymentassistanceline@mass.gov.

Likewise, we encourage all foster parents to register their e-mail on the **foster parent e-mail distribution list**. This distribution list allows us to better communicate directly with foster parents on matters that impact you and the children in your care. To register for the distribution list, please contact your foster family social worker.

Lastly, we continue to encourage all foster parents to sign up for the DCF Foster Parent Intranet Portal, **FosterMA Connect**, at <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/fosterma-connect>. Please email dcffostercare@mass.gov for help logging in. FosterMA Connect allows foster parents to view information about children in your care – including medical and payment information – as well as access to current policies, reimbursement forms, and information about upcoming events. Through FosterMA Connect, foster parents can ask questions directly to DCF staff and build a community of support with other foster parents.

DCF and the Commonwealth greatly appreciate the love, hope, and security you bring to children in foster care each and every day.

Sincerely,



Staverne Y. Miller
Acting Commissioner

This letter is important. To obtain a version of this letter in your native language, please reach out to your foster family social worker or visit the FosterMA Connect portal at <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/fosterma-connect>.

Esta carta es importante. Para obtener una versión de esta carta en su idioma nativo, comuníquese con el trabajador social de su familia de crianza o visite el portal FosterMA Connect en <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/fosterma-connect>.

Esta carta é importante. Para obter uma versão desta carta em sua língua materna, entre em contato com o assistente social da sua família adotiva ou acesse o portal do FosterMA Connect em <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/fosterma-connect>.

Lá thư này rất quan trọng. Để nhận được phiên bản của thư này bằng ngôn ngữ mẹ đẻ của quý vị, vui lòng liên hệ với nhân viên xã hội gia đình chăm sóc nuôi dưỡng hoặc truy cập cổng thông tin Kết Nối FosterMA tại <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/fosterma-connect>.

Kel karta li é importanti. Pa ten un verson di és karta na bu língua materna, kontata assistenti susial di bu família di akolhimentu ou vizita portal FosterMA Connec na <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/fosterma-connect>.

Lèt sa a enpòtan. Pou jwenn yon vèsyon lèt sa a nan lang natif natal ou, tanpri kontakte travayè sosyal fanmi adoptif ou oswa vizite pòtal FosterMA Connect nan <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/fosterma-connect>.

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本信函很重要。如您想收到关于此信函的您所讲母语的版本，请联系您的寄养家庭社会工作者或登录 FosterMA Connect 门户网站，其网址为：<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/fosterma-connect>



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Foster Care and Adoption/Guardianship Subsidy Payment Schedule

The Department urges Foster Parents/Adoptive parents to register for Electronic Fund Transfer (direct deposit to your bank account). For information, please contact your family resource coordinator or go to the following website:

<https://massfinance.state.ma.us/vendorweb/eftwhatis.asp>

July 2024 through June 2025

Period of Service Delivery	Payroll Run Date	Check Issue Date	*Electronic Funds Receipt Date
July 1 - July 15	Tue, Jul 16, 2024	Thu, Jul 18, 2024	Fri, Jul 19, 2024
* July 16 - July 31	Tue, Aug 06, 2024	Thu, Aug 08, 2024	Fri, Aug 09, 2024
Aug 1 - Aug 15	Tue, Aug 20, 2024	Thu, Aug 22, 2024	Fri, Aug 23, 2024
August Quarterly Clothing	Wed, Aug 21, 2024	Fri, Aug 23, 2024	Mon, Aug 26, 2024
Aug 16 - Aug 31	Tue, Sep 03, 2024	Thu, Sep 05, 2024	Fri, Sep 06, 2024
Sept 1 - Sept 15	Tue, Sep 17, 2024	Thu, Sep 19, 2024	Fri, Sep 20, 2024
Sept 16 - Sept 30	Tue, Oct 01, 2024	Thu, Oct 03, 2024	Fri, Oct 04, 2024
Oct 1 - Oct 15	Tue, Oct 15, 2024	Thu, Oct 17, 2024	Fri, Oct 18, 2024
* Oct 16 - Oct 31	Tue, Nov 05, 2024	Thu, Nov 07, 2024	Fri, Nov 08, 2024
Nov 1 - Nov 15	Tue, Nov 19, 2024	Thu, Nov 21, 2024	Fri, Nov 22, 2024
November Quarterly Clothing & Holiday	Wed, Nov 20, 2024	Fri, Nov 22, 2024	Mon, Nov 25, 2024
Nov 16 - Nov 30	Tue, Dec 03, 2024	Thu, Dec 05, 2024	Fri, Dec 06, 2024
Dec 1 - Dec 15	Tue, Dec 17, 2024	Thu, Dec 19, 2024	Fri, Dec 20, 2024
Dec 16 - Dec 31	Tue, Dec 31, 2024	Fri, Jan 03, 2025	Mon, Jan 06, 2025
* Jan 1 - Jan 15	Tue, Jan 21, 2025	Thu, Jan 23, 2025	Fri, Jan 24, 2025
Jan 16 - Jan 31	Tue, Feb 04, 2025	Thu, Feb 06, 2025	Fri, Feb 07, 2025
Feb 1 - Feb 15	Tue, Feb 18, 2025	Thu, Feb 20, 2025	Fri, Feb 21, 2025
February Quarterly Clothing	Wed, Feb 19, 2025	Fri, Feb 21, 2025	Mon, Feb 24, 2025
Feb 16 - Feb 28	Tue, Mar 04, 2025	Thu, Mar 06, 2025	Fri, Mar 07, 2025
Mar 1 - Mar 15	Tue, Mar 18, 2025	Thu, Mar 20, 2025	Fri, Mar 21, 2025
Mar 16 - Mar 31	Tue, Apr 01, 2025	Thu, Apr 03, 2025	Fri, Apr 04, 2025
Apr 1 - Apr 15	Tue, Apr 15, 2025	Thu, Apr 17, 2025	Fri, Apr 18, 2025
* Apr 16 - Apr 30	Tue, May 06, 2025	Thu, May 08, 2025	Fri, May 09, 2025
May 1 - May 15	Tue, May 20, 2025	Thu, May 22, 2025	Fri, May 23, 2025
May Quarterly Clothing	Wed, May 21, 2025	Fri, May 23, 2025	Tue, May 27, 2025
May 16 - May 31	Tue, Jun 03, 2025	Thu, Jun 05, 2025	Fri, Jun 06, 2025
June 1 - June 15	Tue, Jun 17, 2025	Fri, Jun 20, 2025	Mon, Jun 23, 2025
June 16 - June 30	Tue, Jul 01, 2025	Thu, Jul 03, 2025	Mon, Jul 07, 2025

♦ For payment related questions please call the Department's Payment Assistance Line (PAL) 1-800-632-8218

♦ Dates noted above are estimates only and may be subject to change

* **Service/pay periods are semi-monthly (24 per year), not bi-weekly. As a result, there are several service periods for which payments will be issued 3 weeks after the last check or EFT. Those pay periods are noted in red font above.**