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Family Investment Administration  
**ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

Control Number: 03-31

Effective Date: January 1, 2003

Issuance Date: December 11, 2002

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

**FROM: CHARLES E. HENRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**RE: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE MASS CHANGE – JANUARY 2003**

**PROGRAM AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE**

**ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY, RESEARCH AND SYSTEMS**

**SUMMARY:**

The Welfare Innovation Act of 1996 requires that the total of Temporary Cash Assistance and Food Stamps be at least 61percent of the established Minimum Living Level. For the Federal Fiscal Year 2003, the established minimum living level for a household size of 3 increased to \$1,374. Effective January 1, 2003, the maximum allowable payment for Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) will increase slightly, by .21%. Please note the dates for actions related to the benefit increase for this program noted below.

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

The mass change for the TCA grant increase will run the weekend of December 6-8, 2002. All calculations will be done and put into the parameters so that CARES automatically updates caseload already entered into the database. Customer notices for the increases will be generated at the time of the mass change.

**ACTION DUE:** Effective January 1, 2003.

**INQUIRIES:**

Please direct all TCA policy inquiries to Gretchen Simpson 410.767.7937 or [gsimpson@dhr.state.md.us](mailto:gsimpson@dhr.state.md.us).

Attachments: FIP Schedule  
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**F I P S C H E D U L E****Monthly Allowable Amounts Paid**

Effective: January 1, 2003

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Family Size</b>	<b>Allowable Payment</b>	<b>50 % Poverty Level</b>
1	\$ 211	\$ 369
2	373	498
3	473	626
4	572	754
5	662	883
6	728	1,011
7	819	1,139
8	901	1,268
9	973	1,396
10	1,048	1,524
11	1,126	1,653
12	1,201	1,781
13	1,276	1,909
14	1,349	2,038
15	1,427	2,166
16	\$1,519	\$2,294
Each Person More Than 16	Add \$ 79	Add \$ 128

"50% Poverty Level" reflects Federal Poverty Levels effective April 1, 2002

**SCHEDULE - R**

Effective: January 1, 2003

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Family Size</b>	<b>Allowable Payment</b>	<b>90 %</b>	<b>Available Recoupment</b>
1	\$ 211	\$ 190	\$ 21
2	373	336	37
3	473	426	47
4	572	515	57
5	662	596	66
6	728	656	72
7	819	738	81
8	901	811	90
9	973	876	97
10	1,048	944	104
11	1,126	1,014	112
12	1,201	1,081	120
13	1,276	1,149	127
14	1,349	1,215	134
15	1,427	1,285	142
16	\$1,519	\$1,368	\$ 151
Each Person More Than 16	Add \$ 79	Calculate 90% of Col. - B	Calculate 10% of Col. - B

**NOTE:** When a family receiving Food Stamps is also subject to recoupment, a "double" adjustment applies to the determination of income to be used in the Food Stamp computation.