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**Community Services Administration
Family Investment Administration
ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

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(CSA/OAS 01-02)**

**Effective Date: August 14, 2000
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TO: Directors, Local Departments of Social Services
Deputy/Assistant Directors for Family Investment
Deputy/Assistant Directors for Adult Services
Finance Officers, Local Departments of Social Services
Adult Services Supervisors and Family Investment Supervisors
Charles E. Henry

FROM: Charles Henry, Acting Executive Director, FIA
Denese F. Maker, Executive Director, CSA *Denese F. Maker*

RE: Disability Medical Examination Fee Increase

PROGRAM: Transitional Emergency, Medical and Housing Assistance (TEMHA)

ORIGINATING OFFICE (S): FIA/Office of Policy, Research, and Systems
CSA/Office of Adult Services

The Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review (AELR Committee) approved the Department's request for emergency adoption of regulations (COMAR .07.06.05.04) to increase the medical examination fee and laboratory work fee for TEMHA (Transitional Emergency, Medical and Housing Assistance) applicants. This change will bring physician and laboratory test fees into conformity with fees paid under Medical Assistance (Medicaid) schedules. The increase is effective August 14, 2000.

The fee paid to a physician for completion of the 402B medical form used by a disabled adult in the initial application for TEMHA is increased from \$10 to \$60 per examination. The cost of laboratory work related to the disability medical examination is changed from "up to \$20, as paid" to "up to \$40, as paid". As in the past, the local department will continue to charge these costs to administrative funds. The sub-object

code for Disability Medical Exams (1208) remains unchanged, as does the PCA code (G0010).

The vendor payment form (DHR 312) must be clearly identified in order to insure the physician receives the increased fee amount. To assist Accounts Payable staff in the local Finance Office, please instruct Intake and Eligibility staff to write or stamp TEMHA at the top of the 312 form. This will insure prompt and accurate payment.

Direct inquiries to Rick McClendon in the Family Investment Administration at (410) 767-8513 or Yvonne Batson in the Community Services Administration at (410) 767-7639.

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