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Michael D. Hurley, Senate Clerk
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Room 335
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Steven T. James, House Clerk
Office of the Clerk of the House
24 Beacon St.
Room 507
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Dear Mr. Hurley and Mr. James,

I am writing to notify you of a one-time additional payment that the Department will be issuing to children in Transitional Assistance to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) households. This payment is in addition to the regular ongoing TAFDC benefits and is made possible due to a redistribution of unspent federal TANF Pandemic funding received from the Administration for Children & Families. Massachusetts has been awarded \$2.9 million, which DTA will distribute evenly among all eligible children and pregnant people in a household that received a TAFDC benefit in the month prior to issuance.

This notification is in accordance with language included in line item 4403-2000 which states, "...provided further, that the department's calculation of benefits shall not preclude the department from making eligibility or benefit changes that lead to an increase in eligibility or benefits; provided further, that not less than 75 days before adopting eligibility or benefit changes, the department shall submit a report detailing said changes to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and the clerks of the senate and house of representatives; and provided further, that the report shall include the text of, basis for and reasons for the proposed changes."

If you have any questions regarding this plan, please contact Rachel Goldstein, CFO, at Rachel.L.Goldstein2@mass.gov.

Sincerely,


Mary Sheehan (Jun 26, 2023 15:00 EDT)

Mary Sheehan
Acting Commissioner

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