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HUMAN SERVICES**

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July 11, 2023

**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS,  
SUPERVISORS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS**

**SUBJECT: DCDL\_CWS\_47\_2023\_ADOPTION ASSISTANCE CHECKS FOR JULY 2023**

**REQUIRED ACTION:**  Information Only  Time Sensitive  Immediate

**PURPOSE: NOTIFICATION OF INCORRECT ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS FOR JULY 2023**

The purpose of this letter is to provide counties with updated information about the Adoption Assistance Payments sent out for July 2023.

On July 1, 2023, the adoption assistance rates were increased, however, the rate change was not processed correctly in the state payment system. Approximately 15,000 adoption assistance checks for July 2023 were issued at the previous lower rate instead of the new increased rate.

NC DSS staff has been working with IT and the Controller's office staff to process supplemental checks for the difference in the rates within the next 10 calendar days.

The following chart shows the amounts of the supplemental checks and the anticipated date the payment will be processed:

Age as of 07/2023	Original Payment Processed 06/28/2023	Supplemental Payment Anticipate process date 07/15/2023
<b>00-05 years old</b>	\$514	\$702 - \$514 = <b>\$188</b>
<b>06-12 years old</b>	\$654	\$742 - \$654 = <b>\$88</b>
<b>13 and over*</b>	\$698	\$810 - \$698 = <b>\$112</b>

\* Including Extended Care

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NC DSS encourages county child welfare agencies to inform adoptive families of the new adoption assistance rate.

If you have any questions, contact Janet Drake at [Janet.Drake@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Janet.Drake@dhhs.nc.gov) or Beth Riley at [Beth.Riley@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Beth.Riley@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

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