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Michigan receives over \$3.5 million adoption incentive award

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The United States Department of Health and Human Services is reporting that Michigan has been awarded over \$3.5 million for increasing the number of children adopted from foster care, second only to Texas in highest amounts awarded. A total of \$39 million was awarded to 38 states and Puerto Rico. States use the funds from this adoption incentive award to improve their child welfare programs.

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said, "All children deserve loving, safe and permanent homes. It is gratifying that most states continue to excel in promoting the adoption of children from foster care. I sincerely thank every adoptive family that has welcomed a child into their home."

States receive \$4,000 for every child adopted beyond their best year's total, plus a payment of \$8,000 for every child age nine and older and \$4,000 for every special needs child adopted above the respective baselines.

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