

# Relative Licensing Incentive Grant

(FY 2020 Appropriation Act - Public Act 67 of 2019)

**March 1, 2020**

**Sec. 574.** (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for foster care payments, \$2,000,000.00 is allocated to support performance-based contracts with child placing agencies to facilitate the licensure of relative caregivers as foster parents. Agencies shall receive \$4,500.00 for each facilitated licensure if completed within 180 days after case acceptance, or, if a waiver was previously approved, 180 days from the referral date. If the facilitated licensure, or approved waiver, is completed after 180 days, the agency shall receive up to \$3,500.00. The agency facilitating the licensure would retain the placement and continue to provide case management services for the newly licensed cases for which the placement was appropriate to the agency. The 180-day period shall not include any delay due to actions solely in the control of the department as accounted for by the child placing agency assisting with licensure.

**(2) *By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall submit to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the house and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy offices, and the state budget office a report on the total amount expended in the previous year for payments to child placing agencies for completed licensures of relative caregivers as foster parents as referenced in subsection (1) and the number of newly licensed caregivers for which the child placing agencies received these payments.***

(3) From the funds appropriated for foster care payments, \$375,000.00 is allocated to support family incentive grants to private and community-based foster care service providers to assist with home improvements or payment for physical exams for applicants needed by foster families and unlicensed relatives caring for a family member through the child welfare system to accommodate children in foster care.

(4) By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall submit to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the house and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy offices, and the state budget office a report on the total amount expended in the previous year for grants to private and community-based foster care service providers for home improvements or physical exams as referenced in subsection (3) and the number of grants issued.



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In FY 2019, MDHHS expended \$1,252,800.00 in payments to child placing agencies toward relative licensure of which \$1,085,500.00 was expended for 391 facilitated licensures. The payment amounts are broken down below:

Completed Licensure in FY 19			
Payment Timeframes from Case Acceptance	Payment Amount	# of Payments made	Total Payment Amount
Within 180 Days	\$4,500	146	\$657,000
181-365 Days	\$2,000	204	\$408,000
366 or More Days	\$500	41	\$20,500
Total:			\$1,085,500

Withdrawn Licensure		
Payment Amount	# of Payments made	Total Payment Amount
\$1,000	93	\$93,000
Total:		\$93,000

FY 19 Payments for Referrals Accepted Prior to September 30th, 2017			
**The number of payments made are not included in the number of facilitated licensures in FY 19			
Payment Timeframes from Child's Placement	Payment Amount	# of Payments made	Total Payment Amount
Within 180 days of placement	\$2,300	3	\$6,900
7-9 months of placement	\$2,100	6	\$12,600
10 -12 months of placement	\$1,900	2	\$3,800
Over 12 months of placement	\$1,700	30	\$51,000
Total:			\$74,300