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MEMORANDUM

To: County Directors of Human Resources
From: Jan W. Casteel,  Director
Children and Family Services
Date: August 21, 2020
Re: COVID-19 Related Benefit

Children and Family Services is releasing this memo to inform counties of an additional **one-time** payment of \$125.00 that will be sent directly to foster parents for **the month of September 2020** for COVID-19 related benefits. This includes children placed in related foster homes where a board payment is generated monthly.

For foster children who are in their own homes, dorms, related homes (that are not licensed as foster parents), non-paid placements or residential facilities, the money will be sent to the county office. For children in these placements, the county office will be responsible for spending these funds. This money can be used to support educational well-being for our children to include purchase of internet, tablets, printers or other related equipment purchased for the specific child for whom the funds were received. The money can also be used to provide PPE such as masks and hand sanitizer. The money should be spent within 90 days of receipt at the county office.

The payments being made directly to foster parents will be processed through SDHR with no action necessary from the county office. County offices should ensure that all placements have been entered accurately in FACTS and are validated timely.

If there are any questions regarding this memo, please contact the Office of Child Welfare Policy through the Global email address DHR_CWPOLICYINTAKE. This memo can be accessed in iDHR/Divisions/FamilyServices/Admin.Letters and Memos.

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