Date: December 23, 2020

To: Public and Private Resource Parents

From: Michelle L. Farr, LCSW-C, LICSW-C
              Executive Director, Social Services Administration

Re: Children's Cabinet Funds

As an agency we are keenly aware of the efforts that our Resources Parents make day in and day out to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in their care. We are sensitive to the added stress and complexity of caring for youth during this time, especially those who have been exposed to or tested positive for coronavirus. In an effort to assist youth and families, DHS/SSA is providing a one-time stipend of $450 per quarter (maximum of $900) for Resource Parents caring for a child during the period of July- December 2020. In addition, a one-time stipend for Resource Parents caring for a child who was exposed or tested positive for coronavirus to cover 14-day isolation and/or quarantine expenses per child. during the period of July- December 2020.

Allocation of funds

The one-time stipend ($450 per quarter) to Resource Parents with children during the period of July 1- December 31, 2020 will be distributed directly from SSA to the Resource Parents.

Consistent with the above distribution method, funds for Resource Parents caring for a child who was exposed or tested positive for coronavirus will be distributed based on the reports received from local departments indicating exposure to or testing positive for coronavirus during July 1 – December 31, 2020. If a youth in your care meets the criteria, a stipend will be issued by SSA in the following amount:

- $200/day for 14 days of quarantine (separates and restricts movement of people exposed to COVID-19 to see if they become sick)

- $300/day for 14-day isolation (separates sick people with COVID-19 from people who are not sick)

You should expect to receive the funds by March 1, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact your local department.

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