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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

To: State Agencies and Territories Administering or Supervising the Administration of title IV-B and title IV-E of the Social Security Act

Subject: Adjusted Baseline Data for the Adoption Incentive Payment Program

Legal and Related

References: Sections 473(a)(1)(B)(ii), 473A, 474 and 479 of the Social Security Act; Adoption Promotion Act of 2003 (P.L. 108-145); ACYF-CB-PI-04-03

Purpose: The purposes of this Information Memorandum (IM) are to provide the States with information about adjustments to the adoption baselines used to determine incentive payments for finalized adoptions and to transmit the State recalculated FY 2002 baselines.

Information:

The Program Instruction (PI), ACYF-CB-PI-04-03, provided States with procedures to implement the adoption incentive payment program authorized by the Adoption Promotion Act of 2003 and transmitted the adoption baselines that ACF intended to use to determine incentive awards for adoptions finalized during FY 2003. The baselines in that PI did not include all of the age ranges for the foster child, special needs, and older child adoptions, specifically children under age 1 and children between the ages of 18-20. Therefore, we have recalculated the FY 2002 adoption baselines to make sure that the finalized adoptions of children under age 1 and children between ages 18-20 are counted in the adoption baselines for a given fiscal year. (See Attachment A for a state listing of the revised FY 2002 adoption baselines for each adoption category). Incentives awarded to States in FY 2004 for funds earned in FY 2003 were adjusted

to reflect the additional age ranges. Incentive eligible States were paid as determined by the new calculations. Future adoption baselines and incentive payments will include data for the extended age ranges.

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Attachment

**Revised FY 2002 Baselines
Adoption Incentive Payment Program**

	Foster Child	Special Needs	Older Child
State			
Alabama	249	68	81
Alaska	190	107	54
Arizona	788	341	228
Arkansas	295	52	115
California	8,565	5,540	2,269
Colorado	834	348	255
Connecticut	535	261	179
Delaware	133	47	52
Dist of Col	195	53	115
Florida	2,237	869	656
Georgia	1,071	399	347
Hawaii	349	148	78
Idaho	92	51	28
Illinois	3,585	2,084	1,304
Indiana	881	267	346
Iowa	882	315	280
Kansas	454	177	167
Kentucky	551	240	220
Louisiana	466	233	154
Maine	297	137	109
Maryland	918	507	305
Massachusetts	808	292	235
Michigan	2,845	1,465	994
Minnesota	626	385	186
Mississippi	175	0	69
Missouri	1,273	616	436
Montana	244	109	85
Nebraska	294	105	83
Nevada	251	114	70
New Hampshire	114	65	48
New Jersey	1,370	854	330
New Mexico	272	157	94
New York	3,160	1,540	1,414
North Carolina	1,324	561	442
North Dakota	119	36	24

	Foster Child	Special Needs	Older Child
State			
Ohio	2,185	1,521	822
Oklahoma	985	209	316
Oregon	1,115	650	294
Pennsylvania	1,993	786	724
Rhode Island	256	127	70
South Carolina	340	135	110
South Dakota	142	93	32
Tennessee	758	343	381
Texas	2,295	1,030	512
Utah	344	120	68
Vermont	133	77	50
Virginia	417	194	160
Washington	1,027	731	210
West Virginia	361	173	136
Wisconsin	939	506	315
Wyoming	44	20	16
Puerto Rico	167	16	46