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Greetings Child Placing Agencies,

This letter is to inform you that any adoptions or legal guardianships completed between December 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021, will receive an addendum to their agreement or legal guardianship paperwork, allowing for the adoption and legal guardianship subsidy rate to increase based on the age of the child. Any adoption agreements or legal guardianship paperwork that have already been completed and are scheduled to be sanctioned by the Court, February 1, 2021 and beyond will require a new subsidy agreement or legal guardianship paperwork to reflect the increase based on the age. All forthcoming adoption agreements and legal guardianships should reflect the correct monthly increase based on the age of the child at the time the adoption or legal guardianship are sanctioned by the Court.

The following chart reflect those children eligible for a rate increase and must not exceed the below amounts.

| Age Range | Daily Subsidy Amount | Monthly Subsidy Amount |
|-----------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 0-5*      | \$26.00              | \$790.00               |
| 6-12      | \$28.00              | \$851.00               |
| 13-21     | \$31.00              | \$942.00               |

\*Children ages 0-5 are not eligible for an increase at the time of their adoption or sanctioning of legal guardianship, unless they turn six years old prior to court sanctioning.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this guidance, please contact by email, [Carla.J.Harper@wv.gov](mailto:Carla.J.Harper@wv.gov).

Respectfully,

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