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To: Income Maintenance Supervisors
Income Maintenance Lead Workers
Income Maintenance Staff

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Caretaker Supplement (CTS) Benefit Increase

CROSS REFERENCE

SSI Caretaker Supplement (CTS) Policy Handbook, [Section 1.1 Introduction](#)

EFFECTIVE DATE

July 1, 2023

PURPOSE

This memo announces Caretaker Supplement (CTS) benefit amounts are increasing effective July 2023. Higher benefit amounts will be issued beginning in October 2023 and a lump sum retroactive payment for July, August, and September will be issued in September.

BACKGROUND

2023 Wisconsin Act 19, the state budget bill, was signed into law by Governor Evers on July 5, 2023. Section 312 of the law increased the CTS benefit payment amounts by 10%, effective July 2023. Beginning in July, the monthly CTS benefit for one child increases from \$250 to \$275, and for each additional child in the family, the monthly benefit increases from \$150 to \$165.

POLICY

The new CTS benefit amounts will be issued to all eligible families beginning in October 2023. A one-time lump sum retroactive payment for July, August, and September will be issued to eligible families via the usual method of payment (for example, direct deposit). The payment will include the difference for each child for each month for the CTS group. The one-time lump sum payments are expected to be issued in September 2023.

Example 1: Jacquelyn receives a CTS payment of \$550 for her 3 children Amy, Max, and Juniper. The lump sum issued in September for July, August, and September will be \$165 (\$55 for each month). \$25 for Amy and \$15 each for Max and Juniper for July, August, and September.
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Letters will be mailed to CTS members announcing the benefit increase. Members eligible for retroactive lump sum payments will receive one-time notices informing them of their retroactive payment amount for July, August, and September.

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