



## Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

**Commissioner**  
*Stephanie Muth*

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Dear Kinship Caregiver,

DFPS is changing how much it reimburses eligible kinship caregivers; the daily reimbursement rate has been \$12.67 per day, per child, since September 2022. Beginning January 1, 2025, eligible caregivers will begin receiving a payment of \$23.45 per day, per child. This new rate would provide a reimbursement of \$703.50 for a 30-day month.

Eligible caregivers will receive the increased payment starting in February 2025, since these payments are made as reimbursements for the previous month.

Caregivers must meet each of these conditions to receive the kinship monthly reimbursement:

- CPS has conservatorship of the child.
- CPS approved the home through the home-assessment process.
- The caregiver is not a verified foster home or group home receiving maintenance payments.
- The caregiver signed and is abiding by the Kinship Caregiver Agreement.
- The caregiver's total household income is not more than 300% of the federal poverty limit. Total family income must include all household members, including parents and anyone who moves in.
- The caregiver has started the kinship training.

DFPS can provide kinship reimbursements to caregivers for up to 12 months, with an option for an extension of up to six months if the agency finds good cause.

Good cause exceptions include but are not limited to:

- Trying to find a previously absent parent of the child.
- Waiting for appeal process in a termination of parental-rights case.
- Allowing more time for you to complete the approval process for verification or adoption of the child.
- Awaiting approval of a child's placement from another state.
- A delay in finding out the child's Indian Child status or waiting for the Indian Child's Tribe to approve.
- Any other situation in which DFPS finds the need for an extension.

Caregivers who get Permanent Managing Conservatorship of a child at the end of the CPS case who have also met the kinship funding eligibility requirements, will continue to be able to

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request a \$500 annual reimbursement for child-related costs. DFPS can reimburse you for up to three years or until the child turns 18, whichever comes first.

If you become a verified kinship foster parent, you are eligible to get the full foster care rate which is currently set at \$27.07 per day, per child. Verified kinship caregivers who meet the qualifications can also receive Permanency Care Assistance (PCA) of up to \$400 monthly, if the child is not eligible to reunite with their family or be adopted and you obtain Permanent Managing Conservatorship. PCA monthly payments continue until the child turns 18, (or until the child turns 21 if they are 16 or older when PCA is granted).

Please contact your Kinship Development Worker for more information, or to answer any questions about this change.

Sincerely,

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