



Procedure Letter 26

TO: Children Services Stakeholders

FROM: Kara B. Wentz, Director

DATE: September 16, 2025

SUBJECT: Monthly Adoption Assistance Statewide Maximum

Background

Ohio’s Monthly Adoption Assistance Statewide Maximum (MAASM) refers to the maximum monthly payment amount that can be provided through the state’s Title IV-E Adoption Assistance (AA) program without requiring special approval. The monthly AA payment is made by the public children services agency (PCSA) to the approved adoptive parent(s) and is negotiated based on the child’s needs and family circumstances. When the statewide AA subsidy average increases by ten percent or more, the MAASM also increases according to the new AA subsidy average rate.

Purpose

Effective **October 1, 2025**, the MAASM will increase from \$1,162 to **\$1,368** due to a new statewide calculation of the average statewide AA subsidy. To complete an initial subsidy, modification, or annual redetermination, a clinically diagnosed factor is to be recorded in the characteristics tab under the child’s person characteristic section in the Ohio Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS). The PCSA is to justify why the AA amount exceeds the MAASM by completing a waiver request in Ohio CCWIS.

Rules/Forms

The chart indicates the impacted OAC rules and/or required forms.

OAC Rules	DCY Forms
5180:2-49-05	N/A