

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
INCOME MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION**

**NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

The Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS), pursuant to the authority set forth in Mayor's Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1986, section 502(e)(2) of Title V of the Omnibus Budget Support Act of 1995, effective September 26, 1995 (D.C. Law 11-52; D.C. Official Code § 4-205.52(d)), and Mayor's Order 97-53, dated March 19, 1997, hereby gives notice of intent to amend section 5814 of Chapter 58 (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families with Children (TANF)); subsection 6600.4 of Chapter 66 (Interim Disability Assistance (IDA)); and section 7200 of Chapter 72 (Standards of Assistance and Payment Levels in Public Assistance Programs) of Title 29 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

These proposed rules modify the District of Columbia's (District's) public assistance payment levels for District of Columbia residents participating in the TANF, Program for Work, Employment, and Responsibility) POWER, GAC and IDA public benefit programs. The rates are based on an increase of five percent (5%) of the existing payment levels published in the *D.C. Register* on October 26, 2007 (54 DCR 10286-10287). In addition, the rules also amend specific sections of Title 29 to direct the application of the modified payment levels for TANF benefits, pursuant to Chapter 72.

Emergency rulemaking action, pursuant to section 6(c) of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1206; D.C. Official Code § 2-505 (c)), is necessary for the immediate preservation of the health, safety and welfare of District residents by increasing the public assistance payments to severely low income families, children and individuals, so that they may have added resources available to obtain basic necessities. The emergency rulemaking was adopted on January 8, 2008 and became effective as of that date. The emergency rulemaking shall expire 120 days from its effective date or upon publication of a Notice of Final Rulemaking in the *D.C. Register*, whichever occurs first.

The Department also gives notice of its intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt these regulations in not less than fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.

**Section 6600.4 of Chapter 66 is amended by deleting the existing paragraph and replacing it with the following amended paragraphs:**

**CHAPTER 66. INTERIM DISABILITY ASSISTANCE**

**6600**

**PURPOSE**

6600.4

The monthly grant shall be the same as that for a family size of one (1) or two (2) under the TANF Program as set forth in section 552 of the District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982, effective April 6, 1982 (D.C. Law

§ 4-101; D.C. Official Code § 4-205.52(c)), as amended. The payment levels set forth in Chapter 72 of Title 29 shall apply to payments made after October 1, 2007.

**Section 5814.5 of Chapter 58 is amended by deleting the existing paragraph and replacing it with the following amended paragraph:**

**CHAPTER 58. TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES**

**5814 INCOME DISREGARDS**

5814.5 After application of these disregards in subsection 5814.4, the remaining income shall be compared to the Standard of Assistance for a family unit. The Standard of Assistance shall be defined as specified in the District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982, as amended. If less than the Standard of Assistance, the income shall be compared to the payment standard. The payment standard shall be defined as specified in the District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982, as amended. The payment levels set forth in Chapter 72 of Title 29 DCMR shall apply to payments made after October 1, 2007.

Chapter 72 of Title 29, DCMR, Public Welfare, is amended by deleting the existing paragraph and replacing it with the following amended paragraphs:

**CHAPTER 72. STANDARDS OF ASSISTANCE AND PAYMENT LEVELS IN  
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

**7200 STANDARDS OF ASSISTANCE AND PAYMENT LEVELS**

- 7200.1 For the purposes of payments under TANF (D.C. Official Code § 205.52), POWER (D.C. Official Code § 4-205.78), General Assistance for Children (D.C. Official Code § 4-205.05(a)) and Interim Disability Assistance (D.C. Official Code § 4-204.07), effective October 1, 2007, the District of Columbia's payments levels are adjusted as set forth in § 7200.2.
- 7200.2 Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 4-205.52(d), the payment levels set forth in this subsection shall apply to public assistance payments made after October 1, 2007.

Family Size	Standards of Assistance	Payment Level
1	\$ 450	\$ 270
2	560	336
3	712	428
4	870	523
5	1,002	602
6	1,178	708
7	1,352	812
8	1,494	897
9	1,642	987
10	1,786	1,072
11	1,884	1,131
12	2,024	1,216
13	2,116	1,271
14	2,232	1,340
15	2,316	1,391
16	2,432	1,461
17	2,668	1,602
18	2,730	1,639
19	2,786	1,673

Persons who wish to comment on these proposed rules may do so in writing no later than fifteen (15) days after the publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*. Comments should be forwarded to Sharon Cooper-DeLoatch, Income Maintenance Administration, 645 H Street, N.E., Fifth floor, Washington, DC 20002. Copies of these rules may be obtained from the above address.