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The Federal Consolidated Appropriation Act- Public Law 116-260, which passed in December 2020, included a supplemental Chafee allocation under the Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act, known as Division X, to serve older youth who had experience in the foster care system. Youth who were Chafee/YIT eligible because they had an open foster care case after their 14th birthday, are eligible to receive additional services and supports.

One of the provisions of Division X is to temporarily allow young people, who are 23 through 26 years of age, ending on their 27th birthday, who were Chafee eligible, to receive Chafee funding until the end of the current fiscal year, September 30, 2021. As a result, MDHHS will be providing those eligible with a one-time \$1,000 stimulus payment. It is important to note the funding is limited, and the one-time payment will be provided to those eligible until the funding is exhausted.

MDHHS Foster Care Program office is doing a variety of targeted outreach to contact those who are eligible and requests that the local office and private agency child welfare staff notify anyone who may be eligible to receive this payment.

If you know of a young adult who you believe to be eligible, please have them go to <https://www.michigan.gov/fyit/0,4585,7-240-108030---,00.html> and click on "Take the Survey." Completion of the survey does not automatically guarantee the youth will receive the one-time payment. MDHHS Foster Care Program office will confirm eligibility and distribute lists of applicants to the identified point of contact in the local MDHHS office, who can assist with SIGMA registration. The local MDHHS point of contact will inform program office when the young person is enrolled in Sigma and program office will process the payment. When the young person registers in Sigma, they will have the option to have the payment processed through an electronic fund transfer (EFT) or to receive a paper check.

Questions regarding funding and eligibility can be sent to: mdhhs-youthintransition@michigan.gov.