



November 9, 2022

Action Change Transmittal Letter No. 292

TO: All Cash Assistance Manual Holders  
FROM: Matt Damschroder, Director  
SUBJECT: January 1, 2023: Ohio Works First and Refugee Cash Assistance Cost-of-Living Increase

**Background:** Section 5107.04 of the Revised Code requires the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to increase the Ohio Works First (OWF) payment standard on the first day of each January by the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) that occurs in the previous year. The COLA is determined by the Social Security Administration.

**New Payment Standard:** On October 13, 2022, the Social Security Administration announced a COLA increase of 8.7 percent. Based on assistance group size and the COLA increase, ODJFS will issue the following revised OWF and Refugee Cash Assistance payments beginning January 1, 2023.

Assistance Group Size	Payments as of January 1, 2023
1	\$352
2	\$480
3	\$589
4	\$726
5	\$850
6	\$946
7	\$1057
8	\$1172
9	\$1288
10	\$1404
11	\$1517
12	\$1635
13	\$1751
14	\$1864
15	\$1984
+15 ADD	\$146

**Implementation:** Mass change ran in Ohio Benefits to update the payments; program blocks were updated from November 24, 2022 through November 27, 2022. An exception report was created for all cases which Ohio Benefits could not update automatically. The eligibility worker will be required to run the Eligibility Determination/Benefit Calculation (ED/BC) then save and accept the results for those cases to implement these changes. Each assistance group affected by this change will receive a notice with the new amount of benefits they will receive.

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