

441—156.7(234) Kinship caregiver payment.

156.7(1) A kinship caregiver payment is a monthly payment to financially support the care of a child in a kinship caregiver's home. If approved by the department, kinship caregiver payment will be provided for a period of up to four months.

156.7(2) All of the following conditions apply:

- a.* For each eligible child living in a kinship placement, a caregiver will receive a monthly payment according to the basic rate schedule in subrule 156.6(1) as a result of a court-ordered placement.
- b.* The payment will begin after 14 days of the child's placement in the kinship caregiver's home. The 14-day requirement is waived if the child enters the kinship caregiver's home immediately following a paid placement for at least 30 days.
- c.* The payment will continue for up to four months.
- d.* The kinship caregiver payment will be terminated if the child no longer resides in the home.
- e.* Kinship caregivers who receive a foster care payment are not eligible to receive a kinship caregiver payment.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 232.102.

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