

**441—201.5(600) Negotiation of amount of presubsidy or subsidy.**

**201.5(1)** The amount of presubsidy or subsidy shall be negotiated between the department and the adoptive parents and shall be based upon the needs of the child and the circumstances of the family.

*a.* Each time negotiations are completed, the Adoption Subsidy Agreement shall be completed.

*b.* The Adoption Subsidy Agreement shall be completed and retained in an inactive case record for future reference when:

(1) A child is eligible for subsidy but the child or family does not currently need assistance; or

(2) The child is at risk of being determined a child with special needs according to paragraph 201.3(1) “a,” “b,” “d,” or “e” in the future.

**201.5(2)** Other services available to the family free of charge to meet the needs of the child, such as other federal, state, and local governmental and private assistance programs, shall be explored and used before the expenditure of subsidy funds.

Unearned income of the child shall be verified by documentation provided to the department worker by the family from the source of the income.

**201.5(3)** A maintenance subsidy may be no less than \$10 per month.

**201.5(4)** An adoptive family may request a review of the subsidy agreement when there is a change in the family’s circumstances or the needs of the child.

**201.5(5)** Maintenance subsidy shall continue under the same rules if the adoptive family moves outside of the state of Iowa.

**201.5(6)** The maximum monthly maintenance payment for a child in subsidized adoption shall be made pursuant to the foster family care maintenance rates according to the age and special needs of the child as found at rule 441—156.6(234).

*a.* The maximum monthly maintenance payment for a child in subsidized adoption shall be made pursuant to the foster family care maintenance rates according to the age and special needs of the child as found in 441—subrule 156.6(1) and 441—paragraph 156.6(4) “f” for eligible adoptions that take place on or after July 1, 2025. Eligible subsidized and future subsidized adoptions that took place on June 30, 2025, or before will remain on the basic rate in effect on June 30, 2025.

*b.* Basic rate effective July 1, 2025:

<u>Age of child</u>	<u>Daily rate</u>
0 through 5	\$18.50
6 through 11	\$19.24
12 through 15	\$21.06
16 or older	\$21.34