

## RI Works Benefit Increasing September 1

Under a new law, monthly benefits for families receiving RI Works were increased by 30% starting July 2021.

Families will see the benefit increase on their EBT card starting September 1. The charts below show the monthly benefit change. Families receive ½ the monthly amount on the 1st and 16th of the month. Note that if the family has countable income, the benefit amount will be less. (Family members who receive SSI are not counted in the family size and the SSI benefit is not counted.)

### Rhode Island Works Families

Family Size	Old monthly payment	New monthly payment	Payment on Sept. 1 (1/2 monthly payment)
1	\$327	\$426	\$213
2	\$449	\$584	\$292
3	\$554	\$721	\$360.50
4	\$634	\$825	\$412.50
Each additional member add		\$104	\$52

### RI Works Families Living in Subsidized or Public Housing

Family Size	Old monthly payment	New monthly payment	Payment on Sept. 1 (1/2 monthly payment)
1	\$277	\$360	\$180
2	\$399	\$519	\$259.50
3	\$504	\$656	\$328
4	\$584	\$760	\$380
Each additional member add		\$104	\$52

DHS paid the difference between the new and old benefit amounts for July and August on August 16. For example, a family of 3 received an additional \$334 in addition to the 'old' payment of \$277. The family was owed the difference between the old payment (\$554) and the new (\$721) of \$167 for both July and August (\$167 x 2=\$334).

Families received a general notice about the benefit change and should receive an individual notice explaining the change in their RI Works benefit. If they have questions about the change in benefits they can call: 1-855-MY-RIDHS (1-855-697-4347).

RI Legal Services helps families with problems related to RI Works and other benefits. 401-274-2652.

The law also expanded children who are eligible for the **\$100 yearly clothing allowance** to include infants and toddlers and all children receiving SSI living in families receiving RI Works benefits. The clothing allowance was issued to children 4 - 18 in August. Newly eligible children will receive the payment in December.