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From: Gary J. Lambert, Assistant Secretary for Operational Services, Operational Services Division

Date: October 31, 2024

Re: Correction of Estimated Rate of Inflation for Fiscal Year 2026 sent on October 1, 2024

Memo:

The Operational Services Division is required by M.G.L. Chapter 7, Section 22N, to submit an “estimated rate of inflation for social service programs” to the Secretary of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance by October 1st of each year for consideration in preparation of the Governor’s annual budget recommendation.

This memo supersedes the memo sent on October 1, 2024, to the Executive Office for Administration and Finance.

The Operational Services Division is also required by the above statute to notify Commonwealth Superintendents of this estimated rate of inflation for their use in planning for increases to Approved Private Special Education programs.

The Operational Services Division’s analysis resulted in an estimated rate of inflation of 3.67% for Fiscal Year 2026: [Fiscal Year 2026 Estimated Rate of Inflation](#).

Should you or your staff require further information regarding the estimated rate of inflation, please contact Jacqueline Brown at (617) 720-3371.