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From: Gary J. Lambert, Assistant Secretary for Operational Services test edit  
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Date: 07/01/2026 test edit

Re: **Estimated Rate of Inflation for Fiscal Year 2028** test edit

test edit 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 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for consideration in preparation of the Governor’s annual budget recommendation.

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.

Attached is the Operational Services Division’s analysis which results in an estimated rate of inflation of 4.69% for Fiscal Year <Fiscal Year>.

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

cc: Chris Marino, Assistant Secretary for the Budget and Fiscal Operations, Executive Office for Administration and Finance  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE  
 OPERATIONAL SERVICES DIVISION  
 ESTIMATED RATE OF INFLATION - FISCAL YEAR 2028  
 7/1/2026

COMPONENT	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL EXPENSES	FACTOR	SOURCE	REFERENCE	ADJUSTED PERCENTAGE
PAYROLL TAX	0.59%				
FRINGE BENEFITS	1.17%				
OCCUPANCY	2.37%				
DIRECT CARE CONSULTANT/TEMPORARY HELP	0.59%				
CLIENTS & CAREGIVERS REIM.					
SUBCONTRACTED DIRECT CARE	60.95%				
STAFF TRAINING	0.72%				
STAFF MILEAGE / TRAVEL	0.73%				
MEALS	0.73%				
CLIENT TRANSPORTATION	2.11%				
INCID. MEDICAL/MEDICINE/PHAR.	0.63%				
CLIENT PERSONAL ALLOWANCES	0.66%				
PROVISION MAT.GOODS /SVS/BEN	0.61%				
DIRECT CLIENT WAGES	0.65%				
OTHER COMM. PROD/SVS	0.69%				
PROG. SUPPLIES / MATERIALS	0.66%				
OTHER EXPENSE	0.68%				
TOTAL DIRECT ADMIN EXP. (PROG.)	3.81%				
ADMINISTRATION	1.54%				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>				<b>0.00%</b>

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