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Number: SS-AR-08-001

Issue Date: 1/08/2008

Topic: Cash Payments

Due Date: 1/18/2008

Subject: Relative Caretakers now eligible for Foster Care

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> | County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> | Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Children, Adults and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> | Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | County DD Program Managers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify): Self Sufficiency Program Staff |

Action Required: Identified TANF NPH cases to be closed or reduced by 1/18/2008.

Reason for Action: On January 1, 2008 the law changed as a result of SB 282 to redefine a foster home to include relatives. This is good news for relative caregivers who previously received a TANF NPH grant for kids placed in their care by Child Welfare. They will now be eligible for Foster Care reimbursement payments, a significantly higher payment than the TANF NPH grant.

Child Welfare will begin issuing Foster Care payments to these relatives on February 1, 2008. No request is needed. They will also open CW related medical.

Approximately 600 children were affected by this change. 224 of them involve TANF grants that will require case worker action; the attached report is titled '**NPH TANF Cases**'.

The remaining cases are medical only. OHP/5503 has agreed to do the close/reduce action on these cases. No worker action will be required on the medical only cases.

NPH TANF Cases – Worker Action Needed before 1/18/08

1. Close effective 1/31/08, or Reduce effective 2/01/08, using reason code 'LR'.
2. Send Close or Reduce notice for TANF only (NOTM,GS C1F01). No need to send notice to close medical, as medical will not be interrupted.

3. Take appropriate follow up action on any open Food Stamp case.
4. Review for any case management services currently being provided. Review service plan with family, and refer to CW for future needs.
5. Narrate accordingly.

Attached is a copy of the letter that will be mailed to the identified relative caretakers this week.

The attached excel file is password protected, as it contains confidential information. Please use the same password as used to access the participation reports from Peggy. Please use appropriate measures to safeguard the information contained in this report.

If you need assistance accessing this report, please contact Linda Weight or Robin DuVal.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

If you have any questions about this action request, contact:

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