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Topic: Other

Subject: Child Support disregard for clients in the State Family Pre-SSI/SSDI (SFPSS) Program and clients for whom deprivation is based on the unemployment or underemployment of the primary wage earner (program 82)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

Action Required:

Attached is a list of SFPSS and Program 82 cases that have child support coded as an N/R on the case. Please review the attached report for the clients in your local area and apply the appropriate amount of disregard for each case effective 11/1/08.

Reason for Action:

Child Support disregard took effect 10/1/08. "Disregard" means child support, up to \$50 per dependent child or minor parent per financial group per month and not to exceed \$200 per financial group per month, that is not counted as income of the client.

Clients who are in the State Family Pre-SSI/SSDI (SFPSS) Program or in a family where deprivation is based on the unemployment or underemployment of the primary wage earner (82) get a disregard of their child support. The following need/resource items apply to disregard on cases coded pre-TANF, SFP or 82:

- **Need/resource DSP** – The amount of a child support payment that is disregarded. A new N/R DSP has been created to identify the disregarded child support. The DSP N/R item and amount will be added by the worker. The N/R date is the month/year in which the support payment was received (or "C" when support is expected to continue). DSP can only be added to pre-TANF, SFP and 82 cases.

➤ **Need/resource SUP** – The amount of a child support payment remaining after DSP is applied. The SUP N/R date is the benefit month/year to which the support applies (or “C” when support is expected to continue). Use SUP as you would for any countable child support received by a family. SUP will still reduce the grant amount dollar for dollar.

- To get the total amount of support paid on a case coded SFP or 82, add the amount of SUP plus the amount of DSP.
- SUP and DSP must be added manually by the worker.

This action request is a reminder that, beginning 10/1/08, cases that are in SFPSS or coded 82 need to be reviewed for child support received and a disregard applied as appropriate.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: TANF Rules Advisory Committee

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