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Topic: Cash Payments

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New Policy
 Policy Change
 Policy Clarification
 Executive Letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual Update
 Other: _____

Applies to (check all that apply):

- All DHS employees
 County Mental Health Directors
 Area Agencies on Aging
 Health Services
 Children, Adults and Families
 Seniors and People with Disabilities
 County DD Program Managers
 Other (please specify): Self-Sufficiency

Policy/Rule Title:	OAR: Specific Requirements; SFPSS Eligibility		
	FSM: 5 - SFPSS-C Nonfinancial Eligibility Section 1: Specific Program Requirements		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	Rule: OAR 461-135-1195	Release No:	
	Policy: FSM - SFPSS-C.1		
Effective Date:	July 1, 2009	Expiration:	Indefinite
References:			
Web Address:			

Discussion/Interpretation:
What will change?

OAR 461-135-1195 (Specific Requirements; SFPSS Eligibility) is being amended. The amendment eliminates the requirement for an adult to sign the *Interim Assistance Authorization (IAA)* (DHS 7814) as an eligibility factor for State Family Pre-SSI/SSDI (SFPSS) program. The IAA allows the department to recover a portion of the SFPSS grant paid while the client was on the SFPSS program.

Due to funding changes in the SFPSS program, the department will be unable to recover Interim Assistance paid to the SFPSS adult beginning in July 1, 2009, and after.

Recovery of Interim Assistance

During the time an adult is in SFPSS, up through June 2009, the department may recover the adult's portion of the SFPSS grant. The recovery takes place when the client is determined eligible for SSI and receives their SSI lump sum payment from the Social Security Administration.

Months on SFPSS beginning July 2009 will not be included in the department's Interim Assistance recovery.

The following aspects of the SFPSS program will remain the same:

- Eligibility factors,
- Grant amounts,
- Coding on CMS,
- Pass-through of child support,
- No requirement to assign child support,
- Exemption from TANF time limits,

Additional information regarding Interim Assistance recovery will be provided in July 2009.

Implementation/Transition Instructions:

Training/Communication Plan: The changes are being incorporated into existing training for self-sufficiency staff.

Local/Branch Action Required: Local manager's to review with staff

Central Office Action Required: Amended OAR 461-135-1195 and revised the Family Services Manual (FSM) – 5 – SFPSS – C – Section 1.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: Review pending. The OSSP Rules Advisory Committee will review the temporary rules related to this change on Tuesday, June 23, 2009.

Filing Instructions:

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