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TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT, FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND ELIGIBILITY STAFF

FROM: LA SHERRA AYALA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: TCA \$100 EXTRA BENEFIT AND TDAP BENEFIT

INCREASE

PROGRAM AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TCA) TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TDAP)

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

SUMMARY

Effective January 2022, TCA recipients will continue to receive additional benefits on a declining scale from January 2022 through April 2022 (See chart below).

Effective January 2022, the TDAP monthly benefit amount will increase to equal 100% of the TCA household size of one. Currently the maximum allotment for a TCA household size of one is \$328. The monthly benefit amount for TDAP will increase from \$256 to \$328 effective January 2022 and continue as the regular monthly benefit amount.

The TCA additional benefits will be issued on a declining scale as shown below:

	January 2022	February 2022	March 2022	April 2022
HH Size		1 0x1 uu1 y 2022		
1	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20
2	\$160	\$120	\$80	\$40
3	\$240	\$180	\$120	\$60
4	\$320	\$240	\$160	\$80
5	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100
6	\$480	\$360	\$240	\$120
7	\$560	\$420	\$280	\$140
8	\$640	\$480	\$320	\$160
9	\$720	\$540	\$360	\$180
10	\$800	\$600	\$400	\$200

- The extra cash benefit for TCA will not count towards SNAP.
- TCA benefit amounts will return to normalcy effective May 2022.

NOTE:

- All TCA customers will continue to receive their regular monthly TCA benefits for their household size in addition to the extra cash funds through April 2022.
- TDAP customers will not continue to receive the extra benefit after December 2021. TDAP customers will receive an increase in their regular benefit amount from \$256 to \$328.
 - The increase in TDAP benefits will potentially impact the customers' active SNAP case. Notification will be provided to the customer if a change should occur.
- Do not issue underpayments for the extra benefit. This extra benefit will be automatically added through the system batch process.

SYSTEMS UPDATES

- The Bureau of Systems Modernization and Information Analysis (BSMIA) will perform a mass systems modification for the benefit changes.
- All active TCA and TDAP recipients will receive a notice of the benefit change.

ACTIONS REQUIRED BY CASE MANAGER

• None - The E&E system has been modified.

INQUIRIES

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