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| DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION | TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE MANUAL | |
| CHILD SUPPORT PASS-THROUGH 1312 | | SUPPORTIVE SERVICES 1300 |

1312.1 PURPOSE

The Child Support Pass-Through (CS Pass-Through) initiative begins July 1, 2019. This initiative allows custodial parents to receive TCA benefits while also receiving a portion of the child support payments made by one or more non-custodial parent (NCP). DHS will pass through up to \$100 per month of child support payments for one eligible child or up to \$200 for two or more eligible children.

The first month that a custodial parent may receive a CS Pass-Through amount is August 2019. The NCP must make a child-support payment in July 2019 for the custodial parent to receive this benefit amount in August.

1312.2 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A. To be eligible for CS Pass-Through payments the following requirements must be met:
 1. Child support payments must be made by the NCP directly to the Child Support Administration (CSA).
 2. The minor child for whom child support payments are made must be an active member on the TCA case.

1312.3 HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

- A. The relationship of the head of household to the active child(ren) on the TCA case does not impact eligibility.
 1. The household is eligible for CS Pass-Through if there is a parental relationship between the head of household and the active child(ren) on the case.
 2. The household is eligible for CS Pass-Through if there is a needy caretaker relationship between the head of household and the active child(ren) on the TCA case.
 3. The household is eligible for CS Pass-Through if there is a non-needy caretaker relationship between the head of household and the active child(ren) on the TCA case.

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1312.4 BENEFIT AMOUNT

The benefit amount is based on the amount of support paid in the prior month and on the number of TCA-active children in the TCA household.

| # of Children | Maximum Monthly Amount of CS Pass-Through |
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| 1 | \$100 |
| 2+ | \$200 |

Examples

- Ms. Lake began to receive TCA benefits in April. Ms. Lake has three children and two non-custodial parents (NCP). In May, one NCP paid \$60 in child support. The other NCP paid \$250. Ms. Lake will receive \$200 of CS Pass-Through on her EBT card in June.

There was a total of \$310 of child support collected for Ms. Lake's children in May; the maximum monthly amount of CS Pass-Through for two or more children is \$200.

- Mr. Brown is a TCA recipient. He has one daughter. The NCP paid \$75 in child support in November and \$150 in child support in December. Mr. Brown will receive a CS pass-through amount of \$75 in December (for November) and \$100 in January (for December).

Remember that for one child, the amount that passes through is *up to* \$100. The NCP only paid \$75 in November. Therefore, only \$75 will pass through to the custodial parent in December.

- Ms. Long has one child. Her child receives SSI. Because Ms. Long is currently unemployed she is receiving TCA. The NCP of Ms. Long's child made a child support payment of \$200 directly to the Child Support Administration in March. Ms. Long will not receive a CS pass-through payment in April.

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Even though a payment was made directly to the CSA in March, Ms. Long will not receive a CS Pass-Through payment because her daughter is an SSI recipient and not an active member of the TCA case. Therefore, Ms. Long is not eligible to receive a CS Pass-Through payment.

1312.5 IMPACT ON OTHER PROGRAMS

A. SNAP

Child support Pass-Through is countable toward SNAP as unearned income. Refer to SNAP Policy Manual Section 210.33 for more information.

B. Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA)

Child Support Pass-Through is not countable toward TCA as unearned income.

C. Medical Assistance (MA)

Child Support Pass-Through is not countable toward MA as unearned income.

D. Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP)

Child Support Pass-Through is not countable toward CCSP as unearned income.

1312.6 BENEFIT ACCESS

Benefits will remain on the customer's EBT card until they are used by the customer. These benefits are never expunged.