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General Information System (GIS) Message

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Section 2

The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to inform social services districts (districts) that the LDSS-548 BUDGET WORKSHEET-TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE has been revised.

The 2022-2023 New York State Enacted Budget (Part U of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022) which amended Social Service Law 131-a to eliminate the Gross Income Test and the Poverty Level Test.

Effective October 1, 2022, Automated Budgeting and Eligibility Logic (ABEL) will no longer perform the Poverty Level and Gross Income Tests. ABEL will now only perform the Needs Test in determining income eligibility for Temporary Assistance (TA).

- For recipients, the household's net income (earned and unearned income combined) cannot equal or exceed the TA standard of need, after first deducting the 50 percent earned income disregard (EID) and then the \$150 work disregard from any earned income received by members of the household. If the household's combined net income equals or exceeds the TA standard of need, the household that includes the recipient is ineligible for TA.
- For applicants, eligibility for TA must be determined by applying the \$150 work disregard to earned income and without taking the EID into consideration, unless the applicant is reapplying and has been off assistance less than four months. If the applicant would be eligible for assistance without

the percentage disregard (EID), the EID is granted off each applicant's gross countable earned income and then the \$150 work expense deduction is applied to determine net income.

Revisions were made to the LDSS-548 to remove all Poverty Level and Gross Income Test language. The work disregard and EID language have been updated to reflect the new work disregard amount of \$150, and the 50 percent EID. Additional information regarding changes made to the work disregard and EID will be released under a separate Administrative Directive (ADM) and updated in the Temporary Assistance Source Book.

Forms Information

- The revised English version of the LDSS-548: "Budget Worksheet Temporary Assistance" is a Web Only form
- The above referenced document has been posted on the OTDA Intranet website at <u>http://otda.state.nyenet/ldss_eforms/default.htm</u> and is available for downloading by local districts for reproduction locally.
- Upon the release of this GIS all previous versions of the "Budget Worksheet Temporary Assistance" must immediately be recycled and replaced with the revised 7/22 version.
- This document is a Web posted only form. It is only available online and is not available in hard copy from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA).
- Questions concerning Web posted only forms should be directed to BMS Document Services at (518) 474-9522.
- Any previously approved Local Equivalent of this form should be resubmitted, reflecting the current updates, to the mailing address below for review and approval. <u>Otda.sm.Local.Equivalent.Reguests@otda.ny.gov</u>