

Temporary Assistance SSI Coordination ADM

Summary of Comments received:

| Agency/Bureau | Comments | Action Taken |
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| TSP/TA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADM should clearly state that an A/R who applies for SSI on his/her own and is not required to file by DSS is not exempt from work requirements. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language revised as suggested. |
| TA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADM should include information to describe consequences for failure to comply with requirement to apply for SSI and remind districts of requirement to assist individuals who are unable to do soon their own to apply/appeal SSI. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language added to address noncompliance with program requirements and respective consequences. |
| FSP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information should be added to advise districts that application for SSI or pursuit of other potential resources is not an eligibility requirement for food stamps. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information added to background and program implications to clarify that pursuit of resources may be encouraged, but can not be required for food stamp program. |
| TSP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous policy directives have instructed districts to use specific employability codes in certain instances (e.g., code “63” is required for individuals who are determined to be unable to work based on alcohol/substance abuse. • Recommended that language be added to strongly encourage districts to consider contracting with an independent medical provider for completion of employability evaluations. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised section pertaining to the assignment of employability codes as suggested. • Added language as suggested. |
| WMS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section on employability codes requires clarification. For example, it may be more appropriate for a district to use another employability code based on prior Office policy or the household’s situation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised language in the ADM to clarify that assignment of an employability code would be based on prior Office policy, as required or household’s situation. |

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| TA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended formatting and language changes on page 2 and 3. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language and formatting suggestions incorporated. |
| Counsel's Office | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended formatting and language changes to clarify requirements for applicants and recipients who are exempt from work requirements and type of sanction imposed when an individual fails to comply with requirement to apply for SSI. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reformatted respective sections of ADM and revised language pertaining to types of sanctions as recommended. |
| DOH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information should be added to the ADM to describe MA implications and to provide MA contact information. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language provided by DOH added to ADM, including MA contact and paragraph pertaining to MA implications to Background section. |
| Lewis County | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Employment Coordinator from Lewis County sent the following questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are cases which include an individual who is required to apply for SSI as a condition of eligibility for temporary assistance removed from the participation rate calculation. 2. Can individuals who are required to apply for SSI may be required to participate in rehabilitation or treatment which is consistent with their assessment/employability plan. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responded directly to Lewis County. Advised that federal rules do not permit such cases to be removed from the participation rate calculation. • Also advised that individuals who the district determines have the ability to restore their employability may be required to participate in rehabilitation or treatment programs, but can not be assigned to work activities since the individual is exempt from work requirements. |
| Suffolk County | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A representative from Suffolk County called to discuss the purpose of the ADM. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explained the purpose of the ADM. Suffolk County believes their procedures already reflect the policy guidance outlined in the ADM. |