



Informational Letter

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Section 2

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Informational Letter (INF) is to introduce social services districts (districts) to a publication designed to increase awareness among local workforce development and community partners about new Earned Income Disregards (EIDs) which may be available to the Public Assistance (PA) recipients they serve. This publication is entitled:

- “100% Earned Income Disregards for Public Assistance Recipients: Information for Workforce Development and Community Partners”

This document is intended to be used by stakeholders who interact and work with low-income households, such as district employment staff, Career Center partners, Child Support workers, community-based organizations (CBO’s), employers, and employer associations. Districts are strongly encouraged to share this information with their local partners as appropriate.

II. Background

On December 22, 2023, the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) issued [23-ADM-10](#) to advise districts about two new earned income disregard (EID) measures for PA recipients that were enacted in the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023-24 New York State Budget:

- A disregard on all earned income that a PA recipient derives from participation in a qualified work activity or training program, provided that the individual’s overall income does not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for their household size.
- A once-per-lifetime disregard from PA budget calculations on all earned income a recipient earns from a new job entry for a maximum of six consecutive months provided that the individual’s overall income does not exceed 200% of the FPL for their household size.

Both of the new EID measures went into effect on December 29, 2023. Using simple language and definitions, the attached publication presents basic information about the new disregards and is designed to raise awareness about these income supports.

III. Program Implications

A. Overview of the Publication

Pub-5249 “100% Earned Income Disregards for Public Assistance Recipients: Information for Workforce Development and Community Partners” provides an overview of both the 100% training EID and the one-time six-month 100% employment EID, explains the eligibility standards for each and directs the intended audience where to find more in-depth guidance and implementation documents on OTDA’s website.

B. Use of the Publication

This publication is intended to raise awareness of the new EIDs among organizations, outside agencies and community stakeholders who work with districts to help PA recipients and families attain financial stability.

Districts can determine the best way to use this publication for encouraging workforce development and community partners to promote the EIDs and the benefits of work to the populations with whom they interact. OTDA recommends sharing it across all program lines (i.e., SNAP, Medicaid, Child Support, Home Energy Assistance Program, etc.) and with community stakeholders such as Career Center partners, other government agencies (i.e., County Employment and Training, BOCES, etc.), CBOs that assist low-income households, local businesses and employers. Sharing relevant program information with local partners will help them direct more families to take advantage of the new EIDs, as well as encourage stronger partnerships and effective referral exchanges with districts.

C. Form Ordering

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