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Section 1

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Section 2

I. Summary

This Administrative Directive (ADM) advises social services districts (districts) of a change in the Earned Income Disregard (EID) for the Public Assistance (PA) Needs Test budgeting process. Effective June 1, 2025, the EID increased from 63% to 64% and districts must begin using the new EID for eligible cases with an Automated Budgeting and Eligibility Logic (ABEL) PA budget “From Date” of June 1, 2025 (06/01/2025) and later.

II. Purpose

This directive advises districts of a change in the percentage of the EID used in the PA budgeting process. Annually, as required by Social Services Law (SSL) §131-a(8)(a)(ii), this percentage must be adjusted up or down to reflect the changes in the most recently published Federal Poverty Guidelines from the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

III. Background

Effective October 1, 2022, ABEL no longer performs the Gross Income Test or Poverty Level Test. ABEL only performs the Needs Test in determining income eligibility for PA. For recipients, net income cannot equal or exceed the PA standard of need after deducting the 64% EID and then the \$150 work expense disregard. If net income equals or exceeds the PA standard of need, the recipient is ineligible. An applicant’s eligibility for PA must be determined without application of the percentage EID unless the applicant is reapplying and has received PA for any one of the four months preceding the date of the current application.

The Division of Employment and Income Support Programs (EISP) issues an update to the threshold on an annual basis.

IV. Program Implications

The EID increased from 63% to 64% effective June 1, 2025. Districts must begin using the new EID for eligible cases with ABEL budgets effective June 1, 2025, or later. ABEL supported this change with budgets stored on or after April 13, 2025, for Rest of State (ROS) and May 19, 2025, for New York City (NYC).

The eligibility criteria for a PA household to receive the EID remains unchanged.

As a reminder, in accordance with 18 NYCRR § 352.20(c), for applicants/recipients temporarily residing in a hotel/motel, homeless shelter, domestic violence shelter, AIDS housing, congregate care facility, etc., the 64% EID must only be applied for earnings up to the 2025 Federal Poverty Guidelines found in the chart below and as published in the Federal Register and available at: [Poverty Guidelines | ASPE \(hhs.gov\)](#).

2025 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Size of Family Unit	Annual Poverty Guidelines
1	\$15,650
2	\$21,150
3	\$26,650
4	\$32,150
5	\$37,650
6	\$43,150
7	\$48,650
8	\$54,150
Each Additional Person	+\$5,500

V. Required Action

Applicants

Effective June 1, 2025, an applicant's eligibility for PA must be determined **without** application of the 64% EID unless the applicant is reapplying and has received PA for any one of the four months preceding the date of the current application.

Recipients

Effective June 1, 2025, a recipient's eligibility for PA must be determined **with** the application of the 64% EID.

A mass re-budgeting of all PA cases with earned income currently receiving the EID and with an authorization "To Date" of 06/01/2025 or later (and PA budget effective "To Date" of 06/01/2025 or later) took place prior to June 1, 2025. Recipients received a notice of the change through the automated Client Notice System (CNS).

VI. Systems Implications

Rest of State (ROS) ABEL

To determine an applicant's eligibility for PA, workers must use ABEL Disregard Indicator code "1-If Eligible, Give Disregard", unless the applicant has received PA for any one of the four months preceding the date of the current application. If the applicant has received PA for any one of the four months preceding the date of the current application, workers must use ABEL Disregard Indicator code "2-Calculate With Disregard".

If an applicant is determined eligible for PA using ABEL Disregard Indicator code "1-If Eligible, Give Disregard", ABEL will grant the Disregard if the applicant is otherwise eligible for PA without application of the disregard. The ABEL Disregard Indicator code "1-If Eligible, Give Disregard", remains until the first "Undercare" Change Transaction after the case is opened and the client is a recipient of PA.

ABEL Changes and Mass Re-Budgeting/Reauthorization (MRB/A)

The 64% EID and the new poverty levels migrated on April 13, 2025, for PA budgets with the "Budget From" dates of June 1, 2025, or later. While the Poverty Level Test was

eliminated in New York State in 2022, those in transitional housing shelter types have their EID capped at the poverty level for their case size. The 2025 EID MRB/A was run Initial Phase on Saturday April 12, 2025, and Final Phase, with PA and PA/SNAP Budget Store and WMS Transaction Dates of April 20, 2025. Authorized cases were sent a CNS Notice. Districts should examine and resolve Exceptions by calculating and storing a new PA or PA/SNAP Budget with a “From Date” of June 1, 2025, and processing the appropriate Undercare Change Transaction. For further information please refer to the [ABEL 25-1](#).

New York City (NYC)

The MRB/A of NYC cases took place as follows: Pass 1 – Notices non-update ran on the weekend of April 12 – April 13, 2025, with budgets and reports available on April 14, 2025. Pass 2 – Update ran on the weekend of May 17 - May 18, 2025, with budgets and reports available on May 19, 2025.

VII. Additional Information (Optional)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Implications

PA/SNAP cases were mass re-budgeted and had their SNAP benefits adjusted automatically. SNAP-only cases with PA income (mixed cases) must be re-budgeted with the increase in available PA income due to the increase in the PA EID. This does not apply to Non-Public Assistance (NPA)/SNAP cases. SNAP households continue to receive a 20% earned income disregard from their gross earned income. Please note that the Federal Poverty Guidelines do not change for the SNAP Program on June 1, 2025. SNAP Poverty Level changes will be adjusted on October 1, 2025, as usual.

Medicaid Implications

There are no Medicaid implications.

VIII. Effective Date

June 1, 2025

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