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TO: Commissioners; TA Directors; FS Directors; WMS Coordinators; CAP/TOP Coordinators;
Staff Development Coordinators; Employment Coordinators

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SUBJECT: Increase in Pass-through and Disregard of Support Payments

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2008

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This is to inform districts that, effective October 1, 2008, the maximum pass-through and disregard of current child support collected on behalf of Temporary Assistance (TA) families will increase from \$50 to \$100, or up to the current support obligation, whichever is less.

This change affects cases currently having support collected by the Support Collection Unit (SCU) or that have directly received support counted in the TA budget.

Cases with Current Support Paid through the SCU

Starting in November 2008, for current support collected in October 2008, the monthly IVD MRB/A will issue pass through payments up to \$100.

The monthly IVD MRB/A exception list must be reviewed and eligibility for receipt of a pass-through payment and the proper pass-through amount must be determined. All "exceptions" must be resolved, appropriate manual authorizations completed and pass-through payments issued by the 20th calendar day of each month for support collected in the preceding month. TA workers must issue pass-through payments of up to the first \$100 or up to the current support obligation, whichever is less when manually issuing pass-through payments for current collections made to the SCU in October 2008 and thereafter.

When resolving IVD MRB/A exceptions run in the month of October, for current support collected in September, the pass-through can be no more than \$50 per case.

When resolving IVD MRB/A exceptions for the month of November run for current support collected in October, the amount of the pass-through can be no more than \$100 or up to the current support obligation, whichever is less.

a. Cases with Current Support/Alimony Child Support or Child And Spousal Budgeted as Unearned Income

Households with child support, or child and spousal support, directly received and reflected in the ABEL budget with unearned income source code "02 - Alimony/Spousal Support (Non-Arrears)", "06 - Child Support Payments" (upstate), "14- Court Ordered Alimony Spousal Support, Child Support Payments" (NYC), must have the benefit of up to the first \$100 disregarded even if the ABEL budget is not recalculated to reflect the increased disregard amount until after October 2008.

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Note that in Upstate districts TA cases with Alimony/Spousal Support or Child Support budgeted for TA and FS were identified as "ALI/SPO OR CHILD SUP" Exceptions in the ALL 2008 MRB/A. However, TA cases without Food Stamps with such income for TA only were not identified. A follow up list of any TA cases with unearned income sources "02" or "06" not rebudgeted as of 10/1/2008 will be provided to upstate districts in the next few months for districts to follow up on and rebudget with the new \$100 disregard maximum if appropriate.

Districts must provide a supplement for each month that child/spousal support was received directly by the TA household and counted as income in the TA budget if the grant amount was based on the \$50 disregard but should have been more than \$50, because the amount of the current support or alimony was greater than \$50 (October 2008, or later).

TA implications and required actions become effective October 1, 2008. Further details will be released in an upcoming ADM.

For more information refer to GIS 08 TA/WMS016 and ABEL Transmittal 08-2 Information 6.