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General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Section 2

The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to advise social services districts (districts) of a change in the Earned Income Disregard (EID) and Poverty Level Income Test for the Temporary Assistance budgeting process.

Effective June 1, 2020, the EID is increasing from 53% to 54%. The new EID must be used for eligible cases with an Automated Budgeting and Eligibility Logic (ABEL) budget "From Date" of June 1, 2020 or later. The eligibility criteria for a TA household to receive the EID remains unchanged.

In addition, effective June 1, 2020, the Poverty Level Income Test limits will change. Beginning on that date, the gross earned and unearned income of applicants for and recipients of TA residing in situations subject to the maximum shelter allowances set forth in 18 NYCRR § 352.3(a)-(d) and 352.8(b)(1) cannot exceed the 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines found in the chart below and as published in the Federal Register, and available at: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>.

2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Size of Family Unit	Annual Poverty Guidelines
1	\$12,760
2	\$17,240
3	\$21,720
4	\$26,200
5	\$30,680
6	\$35,160
7	\$39,640
8	\$44,120
Each Additional Person	+\$4,480

A mass re-budgeting/re-authorization (MRB/A) for the 54% EID and the new poverty levels for the Poverty Level Income Test, were completed for both Upstate and New York City (NYC), with final phases of the MRB/A being run the weekend of May 9, 2020 for Upstate and May 16, 2020 for NYC. Additional information regarding the MRB/A can be found in [ABEL Transmittal 20-1](#) and [GIS 20 TA/WMS013](#).

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Implications

TA/SNAP cases were mass re-budgeted and had their SNAP benefits adjusted automatically. SNAP only cases with TA income (mixed cases), must be re-budgeted with the increase in available TA income due to the increase in the TA EID. This does not apply to NTA/SNAP cases.

SNAP households continue to receive a 20% earned income disregard from their gross earned income. Please note that the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines do not change for the SNAP Program on June 1, 2020. SNAP Poverty Level changes will be adjusted October 1, 2020, as usual.

Additional information regarding the EID and Poverty Level Test can be found in a forthcoming Administrative Directive (ADM).