General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Section 2

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

Poverty Level Income Test

Effective June 1, 2022, the Poverty Level Income Test limits will change. Beginning on that date, the gross earned and unearned income for applicants and recipients of TA residing in situations subject to the maximum shelter allowances set forth in 18 NYCRR § 352.3(a), (b) and (d) and 352.8(b)(1) cannot exceed the 2022 Federal Poverty Guidelines from the United States Department of Health and Human Services found in the chart below, and as published in the Federal Register available at: Poverty Guidelines | ASPE (hhs.gov).
# 2022 Federal Poverty Guidelines

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**Earned Income Disregard**

Effective June 1, 2022, the EID remains unchanged at 55%. Districts must continue using the 55% EID for cases with Automated Budgeting and Eligibility Logic (ABEL) budgets effective June 1, 2022, or later. The eligibility criteria for a TA household to receive the EID are unchanged at this time.

Due to changes included in the enacted 2022-2023 New York State Budget, updates to the EID percentage, as well as eligibility for the EID, will be implemented at a later date. Information regarding these changes will be released under a separate directive.

**Additional Information**

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (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, 2022. SNAP Poverty Level changes will be adjusted on October 1, 2022, as usual.