



## General Information System (GIS) Message

### Section 1

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### Section 2

The purpose of this GIS is to advise social services districts (districts) that the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), pursuant to 18 NYCRR § 300.11, has approved the exemption of recurring cash payments received by households in connection with their participation in the Pediatric RISE (Pedi-RISE) Childhood Cancer Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) Pilot program from being considered as income and or resources for Temporary Assistance (TA), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) eligibility and budgeting.

Pedi-RISE aims to address income-poverty as a risk factor for relapse and death in a population of children newly diagnosed with cancer. The study will be held at Dana Farber Cancer Institute/Boston Children’s Hospital (DFCI) in Boston, MA and Columbia University in New York, NY.

The exemption of cash payments received through participation in Pedi-RISE was requested by the New York City (NYC) Department of Social Services/Human Resources Administration (HRA); however, it is open to all residents of New York State, and is not limited to households residing in the City of New York. The Pedi-RISE program will provide a letter indicating OTDA approval of this waiver to their participants. Any applicant/recipient that provides a copy of this letter to the district must have all payments they received as part of their Pedi-RISE participation exempted as income and resources for TA, SNAP and HEAP.

For additional guidance and program requirements please refer to [24-ADM-02](#) *Direct Cash Transfer Pilot Programs*.