

100% Earned Income Disregards for Public Assistance Recipients: Information for Workforce Development and Community Partners

State legislation enacted in 2023 established **two new Earned Income Disregards (EIDs)** to support Public Assistance (PA) recipients by allowing them to earn more income while retaining access to benefits and other supportive services:

- **Once per lifetime**, a **PA recipient** who enters a **new job after December 29, 2023**, will have 100% of their earned income disregarded from their PA benefit calculations for a period of six consecutive months, provided the individual's overall income does not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for their household size. Following the six-month 100% disregard period, regular PA budgeting and the standard disregard of income will apply.
- All (100%) of the earned income a **PA recipient** derives from participation in a **qualified paid activity** will be disregarded from PA benefit calculations, provided that the individual's overall income does not exceed 200% of the FPL for their household size. In contrast to the one-time, six-month employment 100% EID above, there is no time limit on how long an individual can receive the 100% EID for work activities and training programs, and it is not limited to once per lifetime.

These income disregards only apply to Public Assistance. If the recipient also gets Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, their income, including the Public Assistance benefit, will still be counted to determine their SNAP benefits. Therefore, their SNAP benefit may go down or stop.

Earned Income Disregard (EID) - When income earned by a recipient of Public Assistance benefits is not counted when determining their benefit amount.

PA recipient - Someone who has an active PA case or someone who has submitted an application and has been determined eligible for ongoing PA, prior to starting a job or work activity.

Qualified paid activity - A district-approved training or work activity for which the participant receives a recurring payment or stipend. See 23-ADM-10 for a list of the activities OTDA has determined are qualified for the EID.

23-ADM-10 – Temporary Assistance Budgeting: New Earned Income and Training Disregard Measures Authorized in the SFY 2023-24 State Budget

24-LCM-04 – Implementation of 23-ADM-10 - Questions and Answers

Guidance and Implementation Resources Available at otda.ny.gov.



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