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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 inform social services districts (districts) that on November 25, 2019, Governor Cuomo signed Chapter 544 of the laws of 2019, which amends Social Services Law 131-a. This amendment changes the treatment of income earned through certain workforce development programs, including the New York State Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and summer youth employment conducted and funded pursuant to Title II, Part B of the Federal Job Training Partnership Act.

Effective immediately, all earned income derived from participation in the SYEP or similar workforce development program by individuals not older than 24 at the time of enrollment must be exempted from the determination of need for Temporary Assistance (TA). This policy applies to all Family Assistance (FA) and Safety Net Assistance (SNA) case types.

Full-time and part-time earnings of SYEP participants not older than 24 at the time of enrollment must be excluded as income and disregarded as a resource for applicants and recipients of TA. This disregard must be applied for the length of the individual's participation in such programming. The full-time or part-time earnings of dependent children not older than 24 at the time of SYEP enrollment who are essential persons under FA are also disregarded.

Additional Information

For Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) purposes, treatment of SYEP earnings has not changed. For SNAP eligibility determinations, the earned income is excluded if the earner is a household member who is under age 18, attends elementary/high school or classes to obtain a High School Equivalency diploma, and lives with a parent or another household member who has parental control over the individual.