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General Information System (GIS) Message

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Subject:	Updated Guidance Regarding Earned Income Source Codes 73 & 74 and Public Assistance Recipients Earning Over 200% FPL
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Section 2

The purpose of this message is to provide additional information to social services districts (districts) regarding the input of the Automated Budgeting and Eligibility Logic (ABEL) Earned Income Source Codes '73' (One-Time Job Entry) and '74' (Paid Training).

In <u>23-ADM-10</u>, the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) advised districts about two (2) new 100% Earned Income Disregards (EIDs) for One-Time Job Entry and Paid Training for Public Assistance (PA) recipients. OTDA Upstate Systems Bureau later issued <u>ABEL-24-2</u> to inform districts of new Earned Income Source codes that reflect the budgeting methodology for these 100% EIDS:

- 73 One-Time Job Entry (PA EXEMPT)
- 74 Paid Training (PA EXEMPT)

In certain cases, entry of the '73' or '74' codes may result in unclear language being generated in the Client Notice System (CNS). This occurs when '73' or '74' are applied to the new earned income of a recipient whose gross income exceeds 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for the household size and is therefore ineligible for the 100% EID, but whose household

remains eligible for PA due to having a higher Standard of Need, a situation which can occur depending on household living arrangements. The definition of household size for the purpose of applying the 200% FPL includes all individuals who are active on the PA case.

In most instances where a PA recipient is earning over 200% FPL for the household size, the PA case will close due to excess income. However, households with a higher Standard of Need may remain eligible for PA after the regular earned income disregard (currently 63%) and work disregards have been applied. Although the household is ineligible for the 100% EID, ABEL cannot automatically change the Earned Income Source Code '73' or '74' to another Earned Income Source code, so the '73' or '74' remains in the PA budget. As a result, the CNS notice will generate language identifying the respective 100% EID earned income, despite the fact that the recipient is ineligible for the 100% EID.

Instructions for Cases with Income Over 200% FPL that remain eligible for Public Assistance

Districts must continue to use Earned Income Source Codes '73' and '74' to budget new employment income and paid training income, respectively. However, if the recipient is earning in excess of 200% FPL for the household size, but remains eligible for PA, the worker must:

- 1. Print the PA budget with the code '73' or '74' but not store it in ABEL;
- 2. After the ABEL budget with the '73' or '74' is printed, change the Earned Income Source Code in the PA budget to '01' (salaries, wages), or other appropriate earned income source code;
- 3. Store the PA budget with the appropriate earned income source code in ABEL. This budget will now show that the household received the standard earned income disregard (currently 63%) and \$150 work expense disregard;
- 4. Scan the printed PA budget with Earned Income Source Code '73' or '74' into the household's case record for documentation that the earned income was reviewed and recipient determined ineligible for the 100% EIDs.