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Message:

Here is your weekly Q&A resulting primarily from Day 2 of the Summits. There has been some policy clarification since the early Summits. We will continue to answer questions as we can, focusing on your top 10-20 weekly.

You may submit questions you would like to see answered in this weekly message. We will be considering these questions as we develop future training.

Your Top Questions...

1. Where can we access the high wage/high demand list?

Answer: You can find that information at this website: www.QualityInfo.org.

2. If there are multiple exemptions for an individual client, do all of the 'appropriate' exemption reason codes get entered or only the most significant?

Answer: We think you mean Time Limits exemptions. If so, only one should be entered on the case. The second policy transmittal on time limits will provide a hierarchy for multiple reasons as follows:

- TLS—adult with disability
- TLC—caring for child with disability
- TLN— caring for a disabled family member in the HH

- TLL—Learning disability
- TLD—DV
- TLB—battering not DV
- TLA—Alcohol and drug
- TLM—Mental Health
- TLE—person in DCI program
- TLI— Indian country with 50% adult unemployment
- TLX—person deprived of needed medical care

3. Where will the 'months on assistance' from other states be coded in the system? When a client discloses time on assistance in another state after 07/2003? What does the CM do with that information besides narrate it?

Answer: At this point the months from other states can only be narrated in TRACS. In the future there will be a way to capture it systematically.

4. If a client has been on assistance for 5 years (60 months) in another state, do we count the whole 5 years or do we only count back to July of 2003? I know we only count back to 2003 for Oregon TANF.

Answer: That is correct. You would only count from July 1, 2003 for Oregon. We still need to narrate the total number of months on assistance since August 1996 and of this, show how many months were from July 1, 2003 forward.

5. Which JOBS code should be used for Post-TANF; A "W" or "E"?

Answer: Post-TANF is a state funded program. All state-funded programs will require JOBS Status (JS) of 'S'.

6. The information on the disqualification conversions says the case manager will need to enter the DQ reason code on the CM System. Where does the Case Manager enter the DQ reason code on UCMS?

Answer: This should be entered in the reason code (Reas) field; this is not a new process.

7. On a two-parent (Program 82) case in the Pre-SSI Program (because one parent is pursuing SSI), if the other parent went to work could they receive Post-TANF? What about child care?

Answer: If a client was on TANF or enrolled in Pre-TANF prior to the Pre-SSI program, then they may be eligible for the Post-TANF payment. Child care for cases in Post-TANF could be provided through ERDC, according to the eligibility criteria for that program.

8. With the new TANF time limit codes, which one should we use for a case where the adults are ineligible non-citizens and are receiving cash for the children only? The system is requiring a TL* code but they don't seem to fit in any of the codes that we have.

Answer: Child-only grants where the payee is coded “NO” should not have time on assistance count. Central office is working on a system edit so that time limit coding will not be required on anyone coded “NO”.

9. At the TANF summits we were told in the Pre-TANF session that a “declination of screenings” form would be developed.

Answer: The form was developed and is now available in English only in the forms server. It is the DHS 7826, DHS TANF/JOBS Program; Client Rights – Screening and Evaluations. The form will be translated in Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese and Somali. This form explains to clients that the benefits of undergoing various screenings. It also lets them know that they have a right to decline such screening or screenings. More guidance on how to use this form will come out at a later time.

10. Why will the DHS 7852, Welcome to the TANF Program, not be available in field offices this week?

Answer: Central office plans to mail this brochure to every TANF client this week. Because of the number of brochures needed for this mailing, there were insufficient brochures available to deliver to all Self-Sufficiency offices this week. However, the brochure will be distributed to all SSP offices soon.

If you have a question you would like to see answered in this weekly message, please send it to linda.weight@state.or.us

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