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Authorized Signature
Number: SS-PT-09-023

Issue Date: 06/23/2009

Topic: Cash Payments: TANF recipients coded program 82

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New Policy
 Policy Change
 Policy Clarification
 Executive Letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual Update
 Other: _____

Applies to (check all that apply):

- All DHS employees
 County Mental Health Directors
 Area Agencies on Aging
 Health Services
 Children, Adults and Families
 Seniors and People with Disabilities
 County DD Program Managers
 Other (please specify):

Policy/Rule Title:	Changes to policy and rule regarding two-parent household TANF recipients for whom deprivation is based on the unemployment or underemployment of the primary wage earner (program 82)		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OAR 461-120-0310 (Assignment of Support Rights) • OAR 461-120-0340 (Clients Required to Help Department Obtain Support from Noncustodial Parent; TANF) • OAR 461-135-0075 (Limitation on Eligibility Period: TANF) • OAR 461-145-0080 (Child Support and Cash Medical Support) • FSM chapters TANF D, F, G, N; Child Support B, C, D, E, H; and Counting Client Assets B 	Release No:	
Effective Date:	July 1, 2009	Expiration:	None
References:			
Web Address:			

Discussion/Interpretation: Effective July 1, 2009, the funding for two-parent household TANF recipients for whom deprivation is based on the unemployment or

underemployment of the primary wage earner (program 82) is changing. Because of this change, effective July 1, 2009, these families will be:

- Required to assign child support.
- Required to cooperate with DHS and the Division of Child Support (DCS) to establish paternity and pursue child support unless there is good cause for noncooperation with child support.
- Subject to TANF time limits, unless the individual(s) qualifies for a time-limit exemption.

Implementation/Transition Instructions: To be implemented July 1, 2009. See Action Request number [SS-AR-09-004](#) for action required as a result of this change in administrative rule and policy.

Training/Communication Plan:

- This policy transmittal.
- Action Request number [SS-AR-09-004](#).
- [Letter to clients](#) coded program 82 to be sent June 23, 2009. The letter is intended to inform clients currently coded program 82 that, beginning July 1, 2009, they will be required to assign support and cooperate with DHS and DCS in establishing paternity and pursuing support. This letter will also inform these clients that they may be subject to time limits.
- Staff tools and a cheat sheet related to this change are being developed and will be sent to the field in approximately one month.

Local/Branch Action Required: Review this transmittal with staff. Review Action request [SS-AR-09-004](#) and take the action required by that request.

Central Office Action Required: Send letter to clients coded program 82. Revise DHS 415F and DHS 428A. Make necessary systems changes. Update rules and policy. Develop staff tools and cheat sheet.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: Review pending. The OSSP Rules Advisory Committee will review the temporary rules related to this change on Tuesday, June 23, 2009.

Filing Instructions: File updates following usual branch process.

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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