

OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

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Date: September 5, 2000

Division: Administration

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Fiscal: Allocation \$100,000,000 TANF Set Aside for
Family and Children's Services (EAF Allocation)

ATTACHMENTS: SFY 2000-2001 TANF Set Aside Allocations
(On-Line)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify social services districts of their allocation from the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2000-2001 budget of the \$100,000,000 in TANF funds set aside for child welfare services, other than juvenile justice services, provided under the State's Emergency Assistance to Families (EAF) program, pursuant to Chapters 53 and 60 of the Laws of 2000, and claimed during January - December 2000.

These funds have been allocated on a proration of each district's claiming history for child welfare services, exclusive of foster care maintenance, tuition and administration, under EAF in FFY 1998-1999, net of any retroactive payments, and as adjusted by the Services Random Moment Study (SRMS) cost allocation plan. EAF foster care maintenance, tuition and administration costs were considered if a district's allocation without these costs was the sole reason for a SFY 2000-2001 allocation that was less than the SFY 1999-2000 allocation. Preliminary allocations including and excluding foster care expenditures were compared to each district's SFY 1999-2000 allocation. A district's allocation in SFY 1999-2000 was used in the interim allocation table if all of the following conditions were met:

- . the allocation without foster care was lower than the SFY 1999-2000 allocation, and;
- . expenditures for EAF child welfare services were higher in FFY 1998-1999 than in FFY 1997-1998, and;
- . the allocation with foster care was higher than the SFY 1999-2000 allocation.

Otherwise, the distribution using the district's claiming history for child welfare services, exclusive of foster care maintenance, tuition and administration, was used for the interim allocation for the district. The interim allocations were then used as the base to prorate the \$100,000,000. The allocation schedule is included with this memorandum as an on-line attachment.

These funds are available to provide child welfare services, other than juvenile justice services, under the State's EAF program. The services provided with these funds are subject to EAF eligibility and need requirements. Under Federal requirements, using these TANF funds for on-going cash assistance, such as Preventive Housing Services rent subsidies to families with an adult or minor-head of household although provided under Preventive Services eligibility standards, would result in the family being considered to be receiving TANF assistance. Consequently, each month that such family receives on-going cash assistance from these funds would count towards the family's 60-month lifetime limit for TANF assistance. It would also result in the family having to be included in the district's work participation rate calculations. It is therefore recommended that districts use these funds for on-going cash assistance, such as Preventive Housing Services rent subsidies, only for families with an adult or minor-head of household that are already receiving TANF benefits.

Effective October 1, 1999, TANF funds became available above the \$100,000,000 set aside allocation for eligible foster care EAF expenditures. Eligible foster care EAF expenditures as in effect on September 30, 1995 made on or after October 1, 1999 that are not reimbursed out of the \$100,000,000 set aside will be 100 percent reimbursed with TANF funds. Federal financial participation in the cost of eligible temporary and disability assistance expenses will be reduced dollar for dollar to the extent funds are provided for foster care EAF.

These funds are not available for JD/PINS expenditures. An additional \$80,000,000 has been set aside for expenditures for JD/PINS in voluntary agencies. These funds are also separate from the \$36,000,000 available for EAF tuition costs of social service districts with a population in excess of two million.

Local Social Services Districts are reminded that the \$95,000,000 statewide claiming restriction for Child Protective Services (CPS) continues. The claiming restriction requires that districts claim a portion of their CPS expenditures for reimbursement from their Title XX funds and/or the TANF funds set aside for child welfare services under the Emergency Assistance to Families (EAF) program. A separate LCM will be issued to provide more details on the claiming restriction.

Information/Questions Contact

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TANF Set Aside

DISTRICT	ALLOCATION
Albany	2,992,801
Allegany	219,845
Broome	1,196,937
Cattaraugus	363,320
Cayuga	301,793
Chautauqua	679,889
Chemung	519,658
Chenango	201,399
Clinton	439,652
Columbia	257,678
Cortland	342,795
Delaware	367,074
Dutchess	1,001,835
Erie	4,063,957
Essex	150,770
Franklin	227,219
Fulton	306,841
Genesee	301,934
Greene	245,463
Hamilton	11,103
Herkimer	265,997
Jefferson	605,020
Lewis	123,459
Livingston	359,680
Madison	277,565
Monroe	6,697,639
Montgomery	217,226
Nassau	3,321,832
Niagara	955,775
Oneida	1,135,412
Onondaga	3,963,691
Ontario	392,875
Orange	1,848,795
Orleans	196,484
Oswego	877,774
Otsego	319,031
Putnam	215,456
Rensselaer	503,244
Rockland	1,758,935
St. Lawrence	493,353
Saratoga	441,868
Schenectady	2,109,711
Schoharie	141,951
Schuyler	92,899
Seneca	208,567
Steuben	372,925
Suffolk	4,589,933
Sullivan	570,069
Tioga	225,722
Tompkins	482,547
Ulster	1,033,109
Warren	213,719

DISTRICT	ALLOCATION
Washington	234,413
Wayne	374,559
Westchester	5,127,724
Wyoming	148,071
Yates	61,910
Upstate	55,150,903
NYC	44,849,097
Statewide	100,000,000