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TO: Local District Commissioners, IM Directors, FS Directors;

CAP Coordinators

FROM:

SUBJECT: Earnings from Census Employment

Immediately EFFECTIVE DATE:

CONTACT PERSON: Temporary Assistance Regional Representatives

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This is to advise local districts that census employment income received by applicants/recipients (A/R) of Public Assistance (PA) and Food Stamps (FS) must be treated as earned income and budgeted, with appropriate earned income disregards, against PA benefits.

In the past, this income was only applied against HR (SNA) benefits. This past policy was based on the federal exemption of this income for ADC and no state exemption for HR.

Currently this income is not exempted from federal or state funded programs. In addition, the enhanced earned income disregards provides PA individuals with incentive to achieve self sufficiency through employment.

Census employment income earned by PA and FS A/Rs must be coded on the ABEL PA and FS input screen using Earned Income Source code "01 - Salaries, Wages, etc.".