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SUBJECT: Elimination of the Child Care Earned Income Disregard

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1997

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Effective October 1, 1997, local social services districts will no longer be allowed to provide the child care disregard/supplement to eligible families.

The change in social service law mandates that districts provide child care payments to eligible caretaker relatives in a form other than an earnings disregard. This change does not apply to care provided for incapacitated individuals living in the same home as the dependent child in receipt of aid.

Edits have been added to ABEL that prohibit entry of child care type and a birthdate of less than 21 years of age. Entry of a birthdate (MM/YY) of 21 or more with a child care amount will be allowed.

On Monday, August 18, 1997, districts will be able to access lists of PA cases currently in receipt of the child care disregard by accessing file name "WMSAFLSH" under range "WM". This list is being provided to enable districts to obtain any necessary vendor information and make decisions about the method of payment.