

## Department of Human Resources 311 West Saratoga Street Baltimore MD 21201

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# FIA ACTION TRANSMITTAL

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TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND ELIGIBILITY STAFF

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RE: ADDITIONAL EXCLUDED UNEARNED INCOME

PROGRAM AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY, RESEARCH AND SYSTEMS

#### SUMMARY:

This is one of several action transmittals for Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) that is being issued as the result of the adoption of Family Investment Program (FIP) Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR 07.03.03.01 through .26). Prior FIP regulations were repealed and new FIP regulations were adopted in November 2001.

## **ACTION REQUIRED:**

Certain unearned income is not counted when determining TCA and FAC financial eligibility. The following are being added to the types of **disregarded unearned income** for TCA and FAC Medical Assistance:

- <u>Criminal Injuries Compensation</u> In Maryland, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board makes one-time-only payments for personal injuries suffered by a victim of crime. Payments are made both to the victim and on behalf of the victim to the surviving spouse, child, or any dependent of a victim who died as a direct result of a crime.
- College Work Study The Secretary of Education administers post-secondary educational grants and loans that include College Work-Study Income. This allows

the college student to work and gain valuable experience in their chosen field. The college work-study must be part of the customer's Family Independence Plan.

**ACTION DUE:** January 1, 2002

# **NARRATE ALL CASE ACTIVITY CAREFULLY:**

Local departments must ensure that narration of case activity is clear, concise, and complete according to the action taken by the case manager. Good narration also supports the local department decision in the event of a fair hearing or selection of the case for Quality Control review.

## **INQUIRIES**

Please direct policy questions to Edna McAbier, Bureau of Policy and Training, at 410.767.8805 or email at emcabier@dhr.state.md.us.

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