

FIA ACTION TRANSMITTAL

Department of Human Resources 311 West Saratoga Street Baltimore MD 21201 Control Number: #02-53

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TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS

- FROM: CHARLES HENRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
- RE: SIXTY-MONTH TIME LIMITS COMPLIANCE FOR CUSTOMERS FROM OUT OF STATE

PROGRAM AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE (TCA)

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY, RESEARCH AND SYSTEMS

<u>SUMMARY</u>

Action transmittal (AT) #00-24 outlined procedures for complying with the TANF sixty-month time limit for families moving from other states. **This AT updates the TANF Information Contact List.** All other procedures remain the same. Local departments must continue to apply the sixty-month time limit on all cases. The time limit includes any month that TANF benefits were received from other states and Maryland. Case managers must take the following steps to ensure proper application of this policy.

ACTION REQUIRED

- Explain the 60-month time limit to the customer.
- Ask customers if they have been on assistance in other states.
- Contact the prior states to verify the case status of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and determine the number of months TANF benefits were received.

- Have the supervisor adjust the time limit counter on CARES to reflect the number of months the customer received TANF benefits from the other states. The supervisor should make the adjustment **before the case is finalized**.
- For your convenience, we have attached a TANF Information List that includes telephone numbers and other TANF information for each state.

CARES PROCEDURES

- Case managers must complete the interview and process the TCA application.
- In processing, enter the customer's previous out-of-state addresses on the "Previous household Address" PREV screen by entering a "Y" in the "Previous Address in Last 2 Years" field on the ADDR screen. Also enter dates of residence at the Out-of-state address on the "from-to" fields on the PREV screen for each address listed.
- Once the case has been processed, the Supervisor must adjust the time limit counter (TLE) by adding to any existing count the number of months the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) benefits were received in the prior states in the "TCA Ctr" field on the DEM2 01 screen. The supervisor should count all applicable months when adjusting the counter.
- The case must then be finalized.

INQUIRES

Please direct policy questions to Fatmata Khella 410-767-7585, Bureau of Policy and Training. Direct systems questions to Sarah Haygood at 410-767-5054.

Attachment

cc: DHR Executive Staff FIA Management Staff FIA Trainers Constituent Services DHR Help Desk RESI

TANF INFORMATION CONTACT LIST

| STATE | TIME LIMITS | TANF START DATE | CONTACT PHONE NUMBER | MONTHLY FREQUENCY | CONTACT PERSON |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Alabama | 60 Months | 12/1/96 | 334-242-1967 | Once | Kathryn Hunt |
| Alaska | 60 Months | 7/1/97 | 907-465-3551 | Once | Anyone |
| Arizona | 60 Months | 10/1/96 | 602-542-3451 | Varies | Customer Service |
| Arkansas | 24 Months | 7/1/98 | 800-482-8988 | Once | Customer Service |
| California | 60 Months | 1/1/98 | 800-952-5253 | Varies by county | Customer |
| Colorado | 60 Months | 7/1/97 | 303-866-5971 | Once | Geneva Lottie |
| Connecticut | 21 months: 6 months extension | 1/1/96 | 860-424-5010 | Once | Call will be transferred to worker |
| Delaware | 48 Months | 3/10/97 | 302-577-4406 | Once | Josephine Uriatowski |
| District Of Colombia | 60 Months | 3/1/97 | 202-724-5532 | Once | James Anderson |
| Florida | 48 Months | 10/1/96 | 305-377-7552 | Once | Anyone |
| Georgia | 48 Months | 1/1/97 | 404-463-0092 | Once | Mr. William |
| Hawaii | 60 Months | 2/1/97 | 808-692-7770 | Once | Central Files |
| Idaho | 24 Months | 7/1/97 | 208-334-5818 | Once | Chris Almeida |
| Illinois | 60 Months | 7/1/97 | 217-557-1564 | Once | Reginald Mersh |
| Indiana | 24 Months | 6/1/97 | 219-724-9169 | Once | Rebecca Aracher |
| Iowa | 60 Months | 1/1/97 | 515-281-6899 | Once | Central Office |
| Kansas | 60 Months | 10/1/96 | 785-368-8129 | Once | Erma Cain |
| Kentucky | 60 Months | 10/18/96 | 502-564-7050 | Once | Call will be transferred to worker |
| Louisiana | 24 Months | 1/1/97 | 225-342-2603 | Once | Rhonda Litt |
| Maine | 60 Months | 11/1/96 | 207-287-2826 | Once | Marlyn Doak |
| Maryland | 60 Months | 1/1/97 | 410-767-7944 | Once | Yvette Lawrence-Hood |
| Massachusetts | 24 Months | 12/1/96 | 617-348-8494 | Once | Anyone |
| Michigan | 60 Months | 10/1/96 | 517-373-3908 | | Inquiry office |
| Minnesota | 60 Months | 7/1/97 | 651-297-4727 | Varies by county | Chuck Johnson |
| Mississippi | 60 Months | 10/1/96 | 601-359-4578 | Once | Cathy Norwood |
| Missouri | 48 Months | 7/1/97 | 573-751-2526 | Once | Clyde Farmer |
| Montana | 60 Months | 2/1/97 | 406-444-5553 | Once | Ed Scheibel |
| Nebraska | 24 Months without earned income | 7/1/97 | 402-471-9517 | Once | Roxy Lundgren |
| Nevada | 60 Months | 1/1/97 | 702-687-4128 | Once | Main office |

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| New Hampshire | 60 months | 10/1/96 | 603-271-4300 | Twice | Lynn Winterfield |
| New Jersey | 60 months | 4/1/97 | 609-588-2454 | Once | Paul Spinelli |
| New Mexico | 36 months | 7/1/97 | 505-827-7267 | Once | Anthony Castor |
| New York | 60 months | 12/2/96 | 518-486-7653 | Once | Maureen Kennedy |
| North Carolina | 24 months | 1/1/97 | 919-733-7831 | Once | Ken Bowier |
| North Dakota | 60 months | 7/1/97 | 701-328-4008 | Once | Carol Cartlege |
| Ohio | 60 months | 10/1/97 | 614-466-6024 | Once | Anyone |
| Oklahoma | 60 months | 10/1/96 | 405-5214415 | Once | Donna Caton |
| Oregon | 24 months | 7/1/96 | 503-945-6116 | Once | Anyone |
| Pennsylvania | 60 months | 3/3/97 | 717-783-7829 | Once | Nicole Erke |
| Rhode Island | 60 months | 5/1/97 | 401-464-3052 | Twice | Worker on duty |
| South Carolina | 24 months | 10/1/96 | 605-773-4678 | Once | Anyone |
| South Dakota | 60 months | 12/1/96 | 605-773-4678 | Once | Anyone |
| Tennessee | 18 months | 10/1/96 | 888-863-6178 | Once | Anyone |
| Texas | 12, 24 and 36 months; lifetime of 60 months | 11/1/96 | 512-438-3280 | Once | Information Hotline |
| Utah | 36 months | 1/1/97 | 801-538-3970 | Once | Robin Durgel |
| Vermont | 60 months | 9/20/96 | 802-863-7365 ext 7403 | Twice | Mark Schroeder |
| Virginia | 24 months | 10/1/97 | 804-692-1731 | Once | Mark Goldon |
| Washington | 60 months | 8/1/97 | 360-413-3339 | Once | Dave Monfort |
| West Virginia | 60 months | 1/11/97 | 304-558-8290 304-558-2400 | Once | Worker on duty |
| Wisconsin | 60 months | 10/1/96 | 608-266-3337 | Once | Anyone |
| Wyoming | 60 months | 1/1/97 | 307-777-6250 | Once | Bonnie Paul Coleen Collins x5389 |