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

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FROM: ROBERT J. EVERHARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIA

RE: CUSTOMERS SUBJECT TO TIME LIMITS OF OTHER STATES

PROGRAM AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE (TCA)

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY, RESEARCH AND SYSTEMS

SUMMARY

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 imposed a 60-month lifetime limit (with some exceptions) on the use of TANF funds to provide cash assistance to eligible adults. States have the option to shorten this time limit. Maryland has selected the 60-month time limit, but some states, including Delaware and Virginia, have chosen shorter limits. We have adopted a new residency requirement to make TCA receipt subject to the time limit of the prior state for those who have lived here less than 12 months.

OLD POLICY

Individuals who migrate to Maryland and have lived here for less than 12 months are paid the payment standard of the prior state if it is less than the payment standard of Maryland. The time limit imposed by the prior state on the receipt of TANF was not considered a condition of eligibility for TCA in Maryland.

NEW POLICY

An individual who has lived in Maryland less than 12 months may receive TCA subject to the time limit imposed by the prior state. A new resident of Maryland (less than 12 months) who has exhausted the time limit of the prior state is **ineligible** to receive TCA in Maryland. New residents of Maryland who have not exhausted the time limit of the prior state are still subject to the lesser payment standard and the time limit of the prior state.

The new policy does not apply to the Food Stamp or Medical Assistance programs. These households are not subject to Maryland's 60-month time limit or the time limits imposed by other states.

FIA and local departments are determining whether Maryland's 60-month time limit or the time limits of other states will be imposed on those groups that will be moved into State-funded programs. A separate Action Transmittal will be distributed identifying those groups and whether they are subject to time limits.

ACTION REQUIRED

To determine eligibility under this new policy, at application for TCA local departments must ask how long the applicant has lived in Maryland.

- If the applicant has lived in Maryland less than twelve months, ask where the applicant lived before moving to Maryland, and whether the family received assistance from the state where they lived.
- If the family received assistance in the prior state of residence, consult the attached chart for the TANF time limit in that state.
- If the time limit of the prior state is less than Maryland's, contact the prior state to determine the number of months the customer received assistance there.

If the customer has lived in Maryland less than 12 months and has received the maximum amount of benefits under the time limit of the prior state, deny or close the case as appropriate. Do not count toward the time limit any month in which an individual received cash assistance prior to the effective date of a state's TANF program.

EXAMPLE: A mother with two children applies for TCA in December 1998. It is determined that she moved to Maryland from South Carolina in October 1998 and had received TANF there for 24 months (South Carolina's time limit) since October 1, 1996 (effective date of TANF program). The assistance unit is ineligible to receive TCA in Maryland, and the case is denied.

NOTE: Once the household in the above example has lived in Maryland for 12 months or more, they may reapply for TCA and, if otherwise eligible, receive benefits in Maryland for an additional 36 months.

Households that have resided in Maryland longer than 12 months are not subject to the time limit imposed by the prior state. If otherwise eligible, they may receive TCA in Maryland for the number of additional months equal to the lifetime cap of 60 months.

EXAMPLE: A mother with two children applies for TCA in May 1999. It is determined that the household moved to Maryland from Tennessee in May 1998, and had received TANF there for 18 months (Tennessee's time limit) since October 1, 1996 (effective date of TANF program). Since the household has resided in Maryland for more than 12 months, she may receive TCA in Maryland for an additional 42 months if otherwise eligible.

New residents of Maryland whose time limit has not expired in the prior state may receive TCA in Maryland up to the month the limit would have been exhausted in the prior state.

EXAMPLE: A mother with two children applies for TCA in June 1999. It is determined that the household moved to Maryland from Virginia in May 1999, and had received TANF there for 18 months since October 1, 1997 (effective date of TANF program). Since Virginia's time limit is 24 months and the household had resided in Maryland for less than 12 months, TCA eligibility is limited to 6 months. At the end of that period, the TCA case is closed. TCA eligibility cannot be re-established until the household had resided in Maryland for 12 months.

NOTE: In the above example, the case manager must generate an 745 alert to close the case at the end of the sixth month.

New residents of Maryland whose time limit has not expired in the prior state may receive TCA in Maryland up to the 60-month lifetime limit if the prior state's time limit expires after the customer has resided in Maryland for 12 months.

EXAMPLE: A mother with two children applies for TCA in October 1998. It is determined that the household moved to Maryland from North Carolina in May 1998, and had received TANF there for 12 months since January 1, 1997 (effective date of TANF program). North Carolina's time limit is 24 months. Since the household's residency requirement of 12 months will expire before she exhausts the time limit of the prior state, the household may receive TCA in Maryland for an additional 48 months if otherwise eligible.

Other states that inquire through the local department about the number of months of assistance received by a customer in Maryland are to be referred to FIA's Office of Policy, Research and Systems for assistance. OPRS will only accept FAX or written requests from other states for this information. Local departments are to advise the requesting state to FAX or write OPRS as follows:

Maryland Department of Human Resources
Family Investment Administration
Office of Policy, Research and Systems
311 West Saratoga Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
Attention: Jo-Ann Showalter
FAX (410) 333-6581

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CARES PROCEDURES

Enter the customer's previous out-of-state address 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.

To reduce the TCA benefit to a lower payment standard:

- Subtract the allowable TCA payment standard from the payment standard of the customer's prior state of residence.
- On the UINC screen enter the results as "OA" (other countable unearned income CA only).
- PF9 and document on the REMARKS screen the reason this income was entered.
- If the 12th month of Maryland residence occurs before the certification end date, set a 745 Alert to remind the worker of record to remove the income at the appropriate time.
- Enter all other income (earned, unearned) and deduction (i.e. child care) as usual.
- Documentation indicating the date the customer moved to MARYLAND and the prior state of residence must be included in the case record.
- Press PF21 from the ADDR screen to access the NARR screen to narrate when the customer moved to Maryland and when the lower payment will end.
- PF13 from the CAFI screen to add the following text....

"Your maximum allowable grant will be based on the allowable payment standard from (_____) thru

enter name of prior state

(_____)."

enter date

CLOSING/DENIAL CODES

509 – You have lived in Maryland less than 12 months and have received the maximum benefits allowable in another state.

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510 - You have received the maximum amount of benefits allowable in Maryland. COMAR 07.03.03.07 B(5)

511 - You have received the maximum amount of benefits allowable in Maryland and your prior state of residence.

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ACTION DUE

The effective date of this policy is December 1, 1998. It applies to applications only.

INQUIRIES

Direct policy inquiries to Steve Sturgill at (410) 767-7733 or system inquiries to Sarah Haygood at (410) 767-8592.

Attachment

**cc: DHR Executive Staff
FIA Management Staff
Help Desk
Constituent Services**

TIME LIMITS FOR RECEIPT OF TANF

STATE	TIME LIMITS	DATE TANF EFFECTIVE	PHONE NUMBER
ALABAMA	60 MONTHS	12/1/96	(334) 242-1950
ALASKA	60 MONTHS	7/1/97	(907) 465-3347
ARIZONA	60 MONTHS	10/1/96	(602) 542-5063
ARKANSAS	24 MONTHS	7/1/98	(501) 682-8253
CALIFORNIA	60 MONTHS ¹	1/1/98	(916) 657-2128
COLORADO	60 MONTHS	-7/1/97	(303) 866-3151
CONNECTICUT	21 MONTHS: 6 MONTH EXTENSION	1/1/96	(203) 424-5323
DELAWARE	48 MONTHS ²	3/10/97	(302) 577-4452
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	60 MONTHS	3/1/97	(202) 724-5506
FLORIDA	48 MONTHS	10/1/96	(904) 487-4382
GEORGIA	48 MONTHS	1/1/97	(404) 657-5180
HAWAII	60 MONTHS	2/1/97	(808) 586-5711
IDAHO	24 MONTHS	7/1/97	(208) 334-5819
ILLINOIS	60 MONTHS ³	7/1/97	(217) 782-3055
INDIANA	24 MONTHS ⁴	6/1/97	(219) 724-9169
IOWA	60 MONTHS	1/1/97	(515) 281-8629
KANSAS	60 MONTHS	10/1/96	(913) 296-2970
KENTUCKY	60 MONTHS	10/18/96	(502) 564-3556
LOUISIANA	24 MONTHS	1/1/97	(504) 342-4051
MAINE	60 MONTHS	11/1/96	(207) 287-2826
MARYLAND	60 MONTHS	1/1/97	⁵
MASSACHUSETTS	24 MONTHS ⁶	12/1/96	(617) 348-8410
MICHIGAN	60 MONTHS	10/1/96	(517) 373-2535
MINNESOTA	60 MONTHS	7/1/97	(612) 296-0978
MISSISSIPPI	60 MONTHS	10/1/96	(601) 359-4835
MISSOURI	48 MONTHS	7/1/97	(314) 751-3124
MONTANA	60 MONTHS	2/1/97	(406) 444-4545
NEBRASKA	24 MONTHS WITHOUT EARNED INCOME	7/1/97	(402) 471-9325
NEVADA	60 MONTHS	12/1/96	(702) 687-5765

NEW HAMPSHIRE	36 MONTHS	10/1/96	(603) 271-4300
NEW JERSEY	60 MONTHS	4/1/97	(609) 588-2414
NEW MEXICO	36 MONTHS	7/1/97	(505) 827-7254
NEW YORK	60 MONTHS	12/2/96	7
NORTH CAROLINA	24 MONTHS ⁸	1/1/97	(919) 733-2873
NORTH DAKOTA	60 MONTHS	7/1/97	(701) 328-4009
OHIO	36 MONTHS	10/1/97	(614) 466-3196
OKLAHOMA	60 MONTHS	10/1/96	(405) 521-4415
OREGON	24 MONTHS	7/1/96	(503) 945-5600
PENNSYLVANIA	60 MONTHS	3/3/97	(717) 783-3063
RHODE ISLAND	60 MONTHS	5/1/97	(401) 464-3052
SOUTH CAROLINA	24 MONTHS	10/1/96	(803) 737-6010
SOUTH DAKOTA	60 MONTHS	12/1/96	(605) 773-4678
TENNESSEE	18 MONTHS ⁹	10/1/96	(615) 313-4888
TEXAS	12, 24 AND 36 MONTHS; LIFETIME OF 60 MONTHS	11/1/96	(512) 450-4140
UTAH	36 MONTHS	1/1/97	(801) 538-3970
VERMONT	60 MONTHS	9/20/96	(802) 241-2800
VIRGINIA	24 MONTHS	10/1/97	(804) 692-1730
WASHINGTON	60 MONTHS	8/1/97	(360) 438-8260
WEST VIRGINIA	60 MONTHS	1/11/97	(304) 558-3186
WISCONSIN	60 MONTHS	10/1/96	(608) 267-9022
WYOMING	60 MONTHS	1/1/97	(307) 777-6849

1. Applicants may receive assistance for 18 consecutive months and current recipients may receive benefits for 24 consecutive months, within a lifetime of 60 months.
2. State will provide 24 months of assistance followed by 24 months of workfare and a one-month extension. There is no time limit for incapacitated recipients.
3. Families in which the youngest child is age 13 or older may receive only 24 months of TANF; otherwise the 60-month time limit applies.
4. Time limit applies only to adults, not children.
5. Maryland will only accept inquiries regarding the number of months of assistance a customer has received by writing or by FAX. The FAX number is (410) 333-6581. The address is as follows:

Maryland Department of Human Resources
Family Investment Administration
Office of Policy, Research and Systems
311 West Saratoga Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
Attention: Ms. Jo-Ann Showalter

6. The provision applies to certain nonexempt recipients.
7. New York State will only accept inquiries regarding the number of months of assistance a customer has received by writing or by FAX. The FAX number is (518) 474-8090. The address is as follows:

New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
Division of Temporary Assistance, Out of State Inquiry Unit
40 North Pearl Street, 10th floor
Albany, New York 12243-0001

8. State will allow "electing" counties to set any time limit, work requirement, out-of-state family eligibility, family cap, and diversion payments to the degree allowed under federal law.
9. State will provide assistance for 18 consecutive months, contingent on recipients' cooperation with certain requirements.