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TO: Directors, County Departments of Human Services
Directors, County Public Children Services Agencies
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SUBJECT: DISASTER-RELATED PRC PROGRAM GUIDANCE

This guidance letter is being provided as a procedure for county departments of human services (CDHS) to follow when disaster situations occur within any of the 88 counties of Ohio. In the event that a disaster or state of emergency is declared by the Governor, supplemental funding for disaster-related PRC assistance and services is available through the Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) program.

The Ohio Department of Human Services (ODHS) has reserved \$5 million in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds for counties to use when a state of emergency is declared by the Governor. These funds are in addition to the county's current TANF allocation. It may be necessary for counties to amend/revise their PRC plan to access these additional funds if their current plan does not reflect the inclusion of disaster assistance procedures. If a county needs to amend/revise their plan for this purpose, it should be faxed to Debbie Radcliffe, Bureau of Family Stability at FAX (614) 752-7193 for review.

The effective date of the amended/revise PRC plan must be on or after the date that the county has been declared to be under a state of emergency by the Governor. To assure that there are adequate funds available to meet the immediate needs of disaster victims, CDHS may issue PRC assistance and services up to \$1,500 per family dwelling, per declared disaster using this source of funding. Fiscal procedures to access this funding may be found in Administrative Procedure Letter No. 257.

In order to qualify for a PRC payment or service, the following conditions must be met:

- (1) the AG must be a resident(s) of an affected county, and;
- (2) must have been adversely affected by the emergency condition, and;

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- (3) there must be evidence of economic need, and;
- (4) the assistance group must include, at a minimum, a pregnant woman or a minor child living with (except for a “temporary absence”) a parent, specified relative, legal guardian, or legal custodian (Reference OWF/PRC Guidance Letter No. 13). Beyond the minimum requirements, the CDHS may determine eligible AG members who reside within the affected household.

The procedure outlined within this guidance letter shall be followed whenever Governor declared disaster or state of emergency situations occur.

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