

CCIDS Child Care Information Data System

Technical Assistance Notice No. 5

Subject: OWF Cash Assistance – First Month Pay for
Performance

Date:

December 28, 2011

The Department is clarifying eligibility for publicly funded child care to include caretakers who are participating in First Month Pay for Performance. Caretakers who meet current child care eligibility requirements and whose activity is limited to or includes participation in a Self-Sufficiency Plan (SSP) prior to being determined eligible for OWF cash assistance, shall meet the requirement of participating in a training activity which prepares the caretaker for paid employment as defined in rule 5101:2-16-30 (K)(2) of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC).

Upon a receipt of an Application for Child Care Benefits (JFS 01138) and all supporting documentation, county departments of job and family services shall determine eligibility and authorize child care for activities identified in the SSP using pay source code 322 (education/training). The authorization shall have a begin date of the date of application or the begin date of the SSP whichever is later and shall have an end date for when OWF approval is anticipated on being determined (approximately three weeks). The county should review the case at the end date of the authorization to determine if the applicant has been approved for OWF cash assistance. Caretakers who are then determined eligible for OWF cash assistance shall have new authorizations created using pay source Code 312 (OWF) (case update required in CCIDS Eligibility/Authorization System). Caretakers who are determined ineligible for OWF cash assistance shall have their case terminated in accordance with rule 5101:2-16-35 (N)(1) of the OAC. Income shall be calculated based on the countable income at the time of application. Upon being eligible for OWF Cash Assistance, income shall be recalculated using income from OWF Cash Assistance and the copayment shall be increased per rule 5101:2-16-39 (B)(2) of the OAC.

CCIDS Eligibility/Authorization System users:

For initial eligibility determination system users should indicate a “Y” on the Vocational/Occupational Training line on the Child Care Application Questions (AECCQ) screen. On the AESVT screen in the School/Facility Name field enter “First Month Pay for Performance”. On the AECSS screen enter the begin date as the date the county received the JFS 01138 or the start of the SSP whichever is later. Enter the end date as the date that OWF Cash Assistance is anticipated to be determined.

In the comment field on the CLRC screen, enter the first four characters as “FMPP”. Any additional notes may be at the discretion of the county worker.

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