



**FAMILY ASSISTANCE LETTER #98**  
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**TO:** Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services

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**SUBJECT:** Kinship Permanency Incentive Payments

This memo is to provide clarification about how Kinship Permanency Incentive (KPI) payments should be treated for the Food Assistance Program and will obsolete Office of Family Stability Letter #43.

The KPI payments are designed to promote a permanent commitment by a kinship caregiver(s) through becoming guardians and custodians over minor children who would otherwise be unsafe or at risk of harm if they remained in their own homes. More information about the program can be found at OAC rule 5101:2-40-04.

**Food Assistance**

Recently the Food Assistance Section requested clarification from the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) regarding the treatment of KPI payments. FNS has confirmed that KPI payments will be considered a non-recurring lump sum in accordance with 7 CFR 273.9. As a non-recurring lump sum these payments will no longer be considered countable income and will be excluded for the purpose of food assistance budgeting. CRIS-E has been updated to calculate benefits correctly in accordance with this clarification.

**Ohio Works First, Disability Financial Assistance and Child Care**

Policy for how to handle KPI payments for Ohio Works First, Disability Financial Assistance and Child Care has not changed. KPI payments are still to be excluded as countable income.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the TANF\_FSTA mailbox.

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