

Ohio EPPICard Implementation Schedule

January 2009

- Current cash assistance recipients will receive an ad hoc notice announcing the new voluntary enrollment period for the Ohio EPPICard option. The notice will contain information the client needs to make an informed decision on choosing this new option.
- Office of Family Stability County Support Staff will provide training statewide to all county departments of job and family services. Staff and client educational materials will be provided.

February 2009

- Ohio EPPICards will be available as a new option to clients; March recurring benefits will be the first benefits available on the card.
- Policy and initial CRIS-E changes will be effective.
- County agencies will provide brochures, book marks and other educational information to clients at application and reapplication. Caseworkers will review the options with clients.
- Clients may choose to switch issuance methods to the Ohio EPPICard for recurring benefits only upon request. (Auxiliary payments will continue to be issued via paper warrant until later during this initial phase). CRIS-E CLRC must be updated to reflect the request.
- Clients who select the payment card will be sent a card by mail. All cards will be issued by mail along with a mailer, brochure and disclosure statement. Cards will not be forwarded. Mailers are annotated "Return Service Requested".

March 2009

- The first recurring cash assistance benefits will be available on the Ohio EPPICard.

June 2009

- Enhancements in CRIS-E to allow direct deposit or Ohio EPPICard issuance methods for all auxiliary benefits. Auxiliary benefits will be processed nightly.

July 2009

- Current cash assistance recipients will receive an ad hoc notice announcing the need to select either direct deposit or Ohio EPPICard option at their next reapplication. Paper warrants will no longer be an option. The notice will contain information the client needs to make an informed decision.

August 2009

- All clients will be required to choose either direct deposit or Ohio EPPICard at application and reapplication, or prior to their reapplication date upon request.