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Topic: **SFY13 Income Maintenance and FFY 13 TANF Allocation Methodologies**

Income Maintenance

After reviewing the calculations for the Income Maintenance Allocation for SFY 13, and after subsequent discussions with the Ohio Job and Family Services Directors Association and members of the original TANF/IM Allocation Methodology workgroup, BCFTA has concluded that changes are necessary in the calculation of the initial SFY 13 Income Maintenance Allocation.

Paragraph (E) of OAC 5101:9-6-05 states

Upon completion of the steps in paragraph (D) of this rule, a 0.03 per cent adjusting factor is used to increase or decrease the funding based upon the county difference to the statewide average per capita income.

Initial calculations of the Allocation applied this adjustment as follows:

- as an increase to counties that had higher per capita income than the statewide average, and
- as a decrease to counties that had lower per capita income than the statewide average.

In reviewing working spreadsheets and documentation provided by the original workgroup, it is clear that the intent of the workgroup was to apply the adjustment so that it has a positive affect on the counties with lower per capita income. Therefore, BCFTA will revise the calculation and adjust each county's IM budget as follows:

- Counties with higher per capita income than the statewide average will receive the adjustment as a decrease, and
- Counties with lower per capita income than the statewide average will receive the adjustment as an increase.

Budget adjustments will be made in CFIS Web early this week and counties will receive a revised Allocation Notice. In addition, the revised spreadsheet will be posted to the BCFTA Website as the final for SFY13. BCFTA will revise the OAC rule to provide clarification on the application of this adjustment.

FFY13 TANF, TANF Administration, FAET and SFY14 IM

In addition to the above change, the original workgroup recently verified through documentation that the workgroup established the adjusting factor as .3% rather than .03%; however, the .03% number has been in OAC rules and therefore used in the calculation since 2003. BCFTA will be moving forward to amend OAC rules to be in agreement with the intent of the original workgroup and will change the adjustment to .3% prior to calculation of the FFY13 TANF, TANF Admin, and FAET allocations. This change will also be effective for the SFY 14 IM allocation calculations.

Please contact your ODJFS Fiscal Supervisor if you have any questions.