

April – June 2015, Quarterly BCFTA Regional Fiscal Meeting

Policy Updates:

FAPMTL 310 – Acquisition Standards (All Agencies): Based on a five year rule review acquisitions rule 5101:9-4-01 (acquisition standards definitions) was rescinded because this information can now be found in the new 2 C.F.R. 200 cost principles and audit requirements section. Rule 5101:9-4-02 (standards for acquisition) has been amended to include changes in the new 2 C.F.R. 200 and the revised 45 C.F.R. 75.

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FAPMTL 311 – Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Allocation Rescission (PCSA Agencies): The Ohio Children's Trust Fund is now issuing the CAN allocation through the state accounting process so BCFTA will no longer distribute the allocation.

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FAPMTL 312 – Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Allocation Rescissions (WIA Agencies): Seven WIA allocation rules were rescinded due to allocations no longer in place. They are: Disability Program Navigator, Disability Employment, One-Stop System Enhancement, HIRE, NEG, ARRA Rapid Response Baseline and ARRA Rapid Response.

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FAPMTL 313 - CSEA Incentives, Financing and Cash Management (CSEA Agencies): As a result of a five year rule review OAC 5101:9-6-30, performance incentive payments is being rescinded and replaced with a new rule having the same number because more than fifty percent of the current rule is being updated and OAC 5101:9-7-02, CSEA financing and cash management is being amended as CSEA may now keep interest amounts of up to five hundred dollars per year for administrative expenses.

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FAPMTL 314 - Primary Parent Partner Program Funds (PCSA Agencies): OAC 5101:9-6-66 "Primary Parent Partner Pre-implementation Funds" is being amended. The new rule title will be "Primary Parent Partner Program Funds." The new title more accurately reflects the content of the rule. ODJFS issues these funds to initiate and sustain a Primary Parent Partner Program. Additional changes include: availability of funds for pilot counties to continue pre-implementation activities; and the addition of Primary Parent Partner program implementation deliverables.

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FAPMTL 315 - Permanency Roundtable [PRT] Implementation Funds (PCSA Agencies): ODJFS is amending Administrative Code rule 5101:9-6-65 "Permanency Roundtable (PRT) Implementation Funds." ODJFS is extending funding past state fiscal year (SFY) 2015 to Public Children Services Agencies (PCSAs) to assist youth in custody in overcoming barriers to permanency outcomes.

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FAPMTL 316 - Federal Financial Participation [FFP] and the Nonfederal Matching Share (All Agencies): ODJFS is amending rule 5101:9-7-50 "Federal Financial Participation (FFP) and the Nonfederal Matching Share" in order to update references to the Ohio Department of Medicaid associated Administrative Code rules.

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FAPMTL 317 - Fraud Awareness Initiatives (PA Agencies): ODJFS is issuing new Administrative Code rule 5101:9-6-70 "Fraud Awareness Initiatives." The Fraud Awareness Initiative allocation is used to promote fraud awareness month programs, campaigns, activities and events. May is designated as Fraud Awareness month. This rule supersedes FAPL 50.

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FAPMTL 318 -Income Maintenance, Workforce, Social Services, and Child Welfare Random Moment Sample [RMS] Time Studies (PA, PCSA and WIA Agencies): ODJFS is amending OAC 5101:9-7-20 "Income maintenance, workforce, social services, and child welfare random moment sample (RMS) time studies." The rule incorporates revised Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. 200, issued December 26, 2013, as well as 45 C.F.R. 75, issued December 19, 2014. This final guidance supersedes and streamlines requirements from OMB Circular A-87 and 2 C.F.R. 225.

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FAPMTL 319 - County Subgrant Agreement and Allocation Process (All Agencies): ODJFS is amending OAC 5101:9-6-02 "County Subgrant Agreement and Allocation Process" to include clarification of the allocation period.

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FAPMTL 320 - County Subgrant Agreement and Allocation Process (PCSA Agencies): The title is not correct. It should reference TANF IL and Chafee. ODJFS is amending OAC 5101:9-6-08.6 "Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Independent Living (IL) Allocation" and OAC 5101:9-6-35 "Chafee Allocation" in order to update current funding practices; and update references to associated Administrative Code rules.

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FAPMTL 321 - County Written Standards of Conduct (All Agencies): ODJFS is amending Administrative Code rule 5101:9-4-04 "County written standards of conduct" as a result of the five year review process. The rule has been updated to reflect current references and to clarify language to make the rule easier to comprehend.

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FAPMTL 322 - VETS O.N.E. Award Rescission (WIA Agencies): ODJFS is rescinding Administrative Code rule 5101:9-31-95 "Veterans Employment and Training Services Ohio Network for Employment (VETS O.N.E.) Award" as a result of the five year review process. The Bureau of County Finance and Technical Assistance (BCFTA) no longer issues funds for this allocation. Funds are issued through the state accounting process.

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FAPMTL 323- Title XX Federal Social Services Allocation (PA Agencies): As the result of an internal five year review, Administrative Code rule 5101:9-6-12 "Federal Social Services Allocation" is being rescinded and replaced with a new rule of the same number, edited to "Title XX Federal Social Services Allocation." Updates include: Added "Title XX" to name of allocation and clarification of the distribution methodology.

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FAPL 60 – Child Support Training Allocation (CSEA Agencies): ODJFS issued a Child Support Training allocation to assist CSEAs in providing training to county CSEA employees. This allocation is one-hundred percent federal funding. The allocation will be based on FTEs reported to the OCS for FFY 2014. ODJFS will allocate to each CSEA \$1,000 or \$1,000 multiplied by 5% of their FTE positions, whichever is greater. Allowable expenditures include: tuition/fees for in-state child support related training; in-state training related mileage reimbursement; lodging and meals; and training materials. Out-of-state training expenses are not allowable. CSEAs will have until December 31, 2015, to incur expenses and must be liquidated by March 31, 2016.

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BCFTA Updates:

BCFTA Update 2015 – 05: 2016 -2017 County Subgrant Agreements (All Agencies): During the month of April, ODJFS began the process of obtaining signatures on the 2016/2017 Subgrant Agreements. Changes include the Director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid is now a signatory on the subgrant agreements for all agencies types except a stand-alone CSEA. The federal OMB issued a new 2 CFR 200 regarding uniform administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements that have been updated.

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BCFTA Alerts - CFIS HELP DESK:

BCFTA Alert 3/5/2015: TANF Work Expense Allowance Allocation Reduction (PA Agencies): BCFTA has recently reduced the TANF Work Allowance Allocation by the amount of TANF Work Expense Allowance expenditures that were reported in CRISe for the Oct-Dec 2014 quarter. If you would like to verify the reduction amount please review the CFIS CR202 – Budget Change Detail report.

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BCFTA Alert 3/9/2015: CY15 Child Support Training Allocation (CSEA Agencies): The Child Support Training allocation has been finalized and shows as actual in CFIS. Counties can now access their CFIS Budget Notification (CR203) to view actual allocation amounts.

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BCFTA Alert 3/13/2015 - NEW Financial Coding - CY15 Child Support Training Allocation (CSEA Agencies): All counties receiving the CY15 Child Support Training allocation should use the financial code JFSFCTA5.

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BCFTA Alert 3/13/2015 - Coding for Advances/Reimbursements sent to Sub-Areas (WIA Agencies): Fiscal Agents who send state advances/reimbursements to their Sub-Areas will now use account code 595056 to report the disbursement, the coding combination is JFSFW999-595056

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BCFTA Alert 3/16/2015 - Child Abuse and Neglect Expenditure/Receipt Reporting (PCSA Agencies): The Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF) now issues CAN funds through the state accounting process. Therefore, project code JFSFP100 will no longer be available. Agencies may report expenditures and receipts using local project codes JFSFP899 – 510050 to report expenditures and JFSFP904 – 471000 to report receipts from OCTF.

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BCFTA Alert 3/26/2015 - REDISTRIBUTION OF SFY 2015 PA ALLOCATIONS (PA Agencies): The funding redistribution document for April was sent out to county agencies. The document was to be returned by the end of April. ODJFS evaluates the statewide amount of funds released for each allocation and notifies agencies of any redistribution via a revised Allocation Notice in CFIS. The results of the April Redistribution will be posted on the ODJFS Innerweb in the BCFTA section.

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BCFTA Alert 3/26/2015 - REDISTRIBUTION OF SFY 2015 PCSA ALLOCATIONS (PCSA Agencies): The funding redistribution document for April was sent out to county agencies. The document was to be returned by the end of April. ODJFS evaluates the statewide amount of funds released for each allocation and notifies agencies of any redistribution via a revised Allocation Notice in CFIS. The results of the April Redistribution will be posted on the ODJFS Innerweb in the BCFTA section.

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BCFTA Alert 3/30/2015 - APS Innovation Grant (PA Agencies): The APS Innovation Grants can now be accessed by CFIS Budget Notification (CR203). Counties should code expenditures as: *Direct Expenditure Project/Account Code* - JFSFA725-510050 for contracts and purchased services related to the APS Innovation Grant as approved by the Office for Children and Families. *RMS Project/Activity Code* 700-725 for activities related to the APS Innovation Grant as approved by the Office for Children and Families.

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BCFTA Alert 4/7/2015 - TANF Work Allowance Reduction (Jan-Mar 2015) (PA Agencies): BCFTA reduced the TANF Work Allowance allocation. The reduction is in accordance with the Fiscal Administrative Procedure Letter and TANF Work Expense Allowance expenditures that were reported in CRISe for the January - March 2015 quarter. The amounts were provided in an attachment. To verify your reduction review the CFIS CR202.

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BCFTA Alert 4/8/2015 - Jan-Mar Quarter Close (All Agencies): A BCFTA alert was sent out concerning the March quarter close listing the key dates and suggested reports for review.

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BCFTA Alert 4/17/2015 - SFY 2016 Mandated Share & Participation Rate Letters (PA Agencies): A BCFTA alert was sent out containing attachments of the PA county's SFY 2016 Mandated Share & Participation Rate letters. Agencies can review the email for the attachment.

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BCFTA Alert 4/24/2015 - New Coding! Child Welfare Experiential Learning (CWEL) (PCSA Agencies):

There is a new project code with definition for the CWEL allocation. The code is JFSFP869 - Child Welfare Experiential Learning (CWEL). The definition is allowable expenditures for activities related to the Child Welfare Experiential Learning (CWEL) program as described in 5101:9-6-33 of OAC.

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BCFTA Alert 5/8/2015 - CSEA Incentives (CSEA Agencies): The Office of Child Support received the FFY2013 incentive award reconciliation and notified BCFTA of the amount of incentives for calendar year 2015 and the amount of each county's FFY2013 reconciliation "bump". BCFTA processed the "bump" on May 15th and counties should have received the payment on May 22nd.

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BCFTA Alert 5/12/2015 – 3RD Quarter 2015 RMS Sample Period (All Agencies): The 3rd quarter 2015 RMS sample period was opened for creating samples on Friday May 15, 2015. The 3rd quarter RMS calendar begins on June 1st, and ends on August 31st. Due to the annual shutdown of the OAKS system, county agencies should be aware of the following dates:

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BCFTA Alert 5/13/2015 – SFY15 Year End Reminder/July4th Draw (All Agencies): Due to the annual shutdown of the OAKS system, county agencies should be aware of the following dates: **Draw requests: June 12th** - The last opportunity to submit a draw request, including net zero draws, in SFY15. All draw requests must be approved prior to 2:00 P.M. The payment date for this draw will be June 19, 2015. **July 2nd** - Since July 4th falls on a Saturday the observed state holiday will be Friday July 3rd. Therefore, Thursday July 2nd will be the first available draw date for SFY16. All draw requests must be approved prior to 2:00 P.M. The payment date for this draw will be July 10, 2015. **Budget Changes:** - Any budget changes/increases/decreases such as pass-through budgets, de-obligations or admin to program changes must be requested by June 22, 2015. Any requests received after this date will be processed in the first week of July or when OAKS come back up. Due to the annual shutdown of the OAKS system, county agencies should be aware of the following dates:

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BCFTA Alert 5/15/2015 – Save the Date – CFIS Users' Conference July 15 & 16, 2015 (All Agencies): An email with an attached flyer from Sivic Solutions Group was sent out regarding the CFIS Users' Conference planned for July 2015. Further information will follow as we get closer to the event.

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