

## January - June 2017, Quarterly BCFTA Policy Updates

### Policy Updates:

**FAPMTL366 – WIOA Local Area Financing and Cash Management – (WIOA)** - References to WIA were changed to WIOA as the result of an internal five year review.

**FAPMTL367 – Refugee Cash and Medical Assistance Allocation – (PA)** - Changes were made to reflect current rule writing guidelines as the result of an internal five year review.

**FAPMTL368 – TANF IL Allocation – (PCSA)** - Changes were made allocation methodology. Starting with SFY18 each PCSA agencies will receive a base of \$1000. The remaining funds will be proportionately allocated based on the average of the PCSA's last 2 years reported expenditures.

**FAPMTL369 - Child Support Projects Funding – (CSEA)** – 5101:9-6-94 was rescinded and replaced with updated language to make the rule easier to comprehend.

**FAPMTL370 – WIOA Methodology Rules – (WIOA)** – WIA Initial Formulary Allocation Methodology was rescinded since WIOA allocation has a methodology rule and each of these have been updated with current program rules and funding practices.

**FAPMTL371 – Countywide Central Service Costs – (All)** – 5101:9-1-10 language and citations have been updated to reflect most current funding practices and information.

**FAPL70 – Wage Pathway Model - (WIOA)** – This is a pilot project that will be awarded to select group of local workforce areas. This model will focus on entry and progression in the workforce for low-income, low-skill youth and young adults ages 16-24 rather than educational attainment prioritized under career pathway models.

**FAPL71 – Ohio Youth Works Program – (PA/WIOA)** – PRC Funding is available for interested agencies to provide the opportunity for low income TANF-eligible youth ages 14 -15 to earn a paycheck and experience job skills by accessing similar services available to youth ages 16 - 24 in CCMEP. The program will run 5/1/2017 to 9/30/2107 with liquidation of 12/31/2017

**FAPL72 – Child Support State Match Special Project – (CSEA)** – Additional state match funding to assist with cost of processing new Medicaid referrals in SETS. Allocation is based on the number of new referrals received. Expenditures will be moved from State Match allocation via a PAA. Funding is available 1/1/2017 to 6/3/2017 so PAA must be completed in the Apr – Jun quarter.

**BCFTA Updates:**

**BCFTA Update 2017-01 – New PAA New PAAs for FAET 100% and FAET Participation - (PA) -** Beginning in the Jan- Mar 2017 quarter, the Bureau of County Finance and Technical Assistance created a new post allocated adjustment (PAA) to move FAET 100%, FAET Participation Federal 50% and FAET Participation GRF 50% to Community & Protective Services. A flow chart providing FAET 100% ceiling excess options was also provided.

**BCFTA Update 2017-02 – New PAA for PCSA – (PCSA) –** This update replaces BCFTA Update 2016-06. Starting with Jan-Mar 2017, the Bureau of County Finance and Technical Assistance created new post allocated adjustments (PAA) to allow PCSAs to move local IV-E Match and State Portion administration costs directly to the Community and Protective funding source. PAAs were set up on PCSA side from IV-E to CW Community & Protective Svcs grant. Combined agencies have an additional step and must also process PAA from Child Welfare Services to Community & Protective Services grant.

**BCFTA Update 2017-03 – Cost Associated with County Lay-Off of staff for SFY 18 – (All) –** Yearly opportunity for agencies to request approval to claim FFP for mass/abnormal severance pay costs associated to lay-off. Layoff estimates for SFY 18 are submitted via Survey Monkey by 6/26/2017.

**BCFTA Alerts – CFIS Help Desk:**

**BCFTA Alert 01/04/2017 – REMINDER – County Banking Updates/Changes - (All) -** All updates or changes to banking information requires counties to complete an Authorization Agreement for Direct Deposit of EFT Payments (OBM-4310) form which is found on the Ohio Shared Services (OSS) website. Once the form is submitted it can take up to 30 days for the process to be complete. It is critical that counties notify BCFTA by e-mailing the CFIS Help DESK as soon as this form is submitted to OSS. This will allow BCFTA time to make the proper changes to issue paper checks for all county draws and state payments. If BCFTA is not made aware of the banking changes right away, it could result in a county draw or state payment being delayed.

**BCFTA Alert 01/18/2017 – PA Error When Submitting to OAKS - (PA) –** All CCMEP lead PA agencies combined with CSEA and/or PCSA, should submit PA financials to OAKS first before submitting CSEA and/or PCSA.

**BCFTA Alert 02/14/2017 – New Code JFSFA163 - (PA) -** The Bureau of County Finance and technical Assistance established project code JFSFA163 for the receipt of the Food Assistance Earnings. First payment was received on 2/17/2017. Alert also provides codes for all PA earnings on collections.

**BCFTA Alert 02/14/2017 – Oct – Dec 2016 Quarter Close – TANF ADC Incentives - (PA) -** TANF ADC collections were included in the Oct – Dec quarter closeout reconciliation which resulted in the

incentives being collected. BCFTA issued a state payment paid on 2/27/17 for the amount collected. The Agencies needed to code this to JFSFA908 and not to JFSFA160.

**BCFTA Alert 02/22/2017 – CSEA State Match Special Project FAP 72 - (CSEA)** - Announces the additional funding outlined in FAPL 72. A PAA from State Match to State Match Special Project has been set up.

**BCFTA Alert 02/28/2017 – FMAP for SCHIP - (PA)** - The new FFY17 SCHIP FFP rate is 96.62%.

**BCFTA Alert 03/01/2017 – New RMS Activity codes for YWF and Wage Pathway - (PA and WIOA)** – New RMS activity codes have been established starting with the May sampling period for Youth Works First - 130 and Wage Pathway Model - 429.

**BCFTA Alert 04/04/2017 – Ohio Youth Works Allocation and Coding - (PA)** – Financial code JFSFA408 and RMS activity code 130 has been established.

**BCFTA Alert 05/09/2017 – New PCSA Financial Project Code - (PCSA)** – Financial code JFSFP645 was established for PCSA agencies to report Medicaid related expenditures. The definition for this new project code is Child Welfare Medicaid contracts, purchased services, and direct staff costs. Cost reimbursed at 50% FFP.

**BCFTA Alert 06/01/2017 – Child Support RMS Codes - (CSEA)** – Announcing new CCMEP RMS codes were activated for the Jun – Aug sampling period but should not be used until more direction is provided. These codes are not for IV-D caseworker use.

**BCFTA Alert 06/02/2017 – Budget Transfer CFIS Enhancement – (All)** – New Budget Request/Transfer function replaces JFS2725 process. Agency directors have a submittal role and need to complete a 7078.

**BCFTA Alert 06/07/2017 – Budget Transfer CFIS Enhancement Follow UP – (All)** – If clicking the ellipses button does not show the pop up box agencies need to check their Internet Explore settings. Google Chrome, Firefox and updated IE version will work.

**BCFTA Alert 06/08/2017 – Budget Transfer CFIS Enhancement Follow UP – (All)** – Provides steps to update Internet Explorer.

**BCFTA Alert 06/08/2017 – Budget Transfer CFIS Enhancement Q&A – (All)** – Provides question and answers related to the automated Budget Request/Transfer process along with 7078 instructions.

**BCFTA Alert 07/03/2017 – Child Care Coding – (PA)** – Effective SFY18 code JFSFA705 – Recruitment, Certification, Inspection and Development will be inactivated. Agencies should replace with cod JFSFA317 – County Child Care.

**BCFTA Alert 07/03/2017 – BWC Rebate Extension – (PA)** – Agencies with BWC refund/rebate left have until 9/30/2018 to use balance. Expenditures are moved from FAET 100% to BWC budget reference by a PAA each quarter. Counties can't draw FAET 100% until BWC refund/rebate has been fully utilized.

### DYK Alerts

**DYK Alert 06/29/2017 – Service Month – (All)** – Provides flow charts on the what, when, and why for “Service as of”

### RMS Advisory Bulletin

**RMS Advisory Bulletin 2017-1 – CCMEP TANF Regular/CCMEP TANF Admin - (PA/WIOA)** - Provides guidance to agencies regarding the use of CCMEP TANF Administration RMS codes for training activities. Training/meetings for staff performing administrative functions such as eligibility determination, record keeping or other admin activities listed in OAC5101:9-6-08.8 should be counted as administrative activities. All other training/meetings would be considered program.

**RMS Advisory Bulletin 2017-2 Revision of TANF CCMEP RMS Code Definitions – (PA/WIOA)** – Provides additional guidance to counties on using CCMEP TANF RMS codes. BCFTA reviewed RMS comments and found inconsistencies therefore definitions were updated to provide clarification.

**BCFTA Update – CCMEP for CSEA – (CSEA)** – Provides basic guidelines for the establishment of CCMEP in a CSEA. Agencies interested should contact CCMEP Project Manager.

**RMS Advisory Bulletin 2017-3 New/Revised CSEA TANF RMS Codes – (CSEA)** – Provides guidance in use of new CCMEP TANF RMS to be used by CSEA agencies.