

October – December 2015, Quarterly BCFTA Policy Updates

Policy Updates:

FAPMTL339 – Differential Response Implementation Rescission (PCSA) – OAC 5101:9-6-32 is being rescinded as there is no operating allocation.

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FAPMTL340 – Title XX TANF Transfer Allocation (PA) – Due to a five year review OAC 5101:9-6-12.1 is being rescinded and replaced. This new rule supersedes FAPL 31. Now the rule includes the provision, process, and deadline for requesting a budget transfer from Title XX TANF Transfer back to TANF Regular.

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FAPMTL342 – Child, Family and Community Protective Services Allocation (PA) – OAC 5101:9-6-12.4 is amended with updated language, references, and clarification of the distribution method. The amendment also adds language to purpose 4, which includes responding to reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation through a differential response option.

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BCFTA Alerts – CFIS Help Desk:

BCFTA Alert 10/6/2015 – Federal Chafee and ESSA Allocations (PCSA) - Effective SFY17, BCFTA will align and combine the federal allocations with their respective state match allocations and issue them on a state fiscal year basis. This should resolve the need for post allocated adjustments to apply the match amounts to the state match allocations. As a result, for the current year (SFY16) counties will only receive the first three quarters of their Federal Chafee and ESSA allocations. The remaining federal amounts will be part of the new SFY17 allocations. Agencies will still need to process PAAs to use the match allocations for SFY 16.

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BCFTA Alert 10/9/2015 – CPS Efficiency and Innovation Grants (PCSA) - . Director Dungey has agreed to extend the funding period for the CPS E & I grants until June 30, 2016. Counties will have the July – September 2016 quarter to fully liquidate. Any funds that remain unspent or not reported by the end of the liquidation period must be returned by check to ODJFS no later than October 30, 2016. Fiscal Administrative Procedure Letter 56 will be reissued as FAPL 56A to reflect these changes.

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BCFTA Alert 10/13/2015 – PRC TANF Direct Code Update (PA) – The Office of Family Assistance and Fiscal and Monitoring Services have realigned and redesigned several direct expenditure codes for TANF funding. Changes will be effective with the October-December 2015 financial reporting period. These changes will allow ODJFS to better track the use of TANF for OWF, PRC, and the upcoming Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP). An attachment describing the changes was included.

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BCFTA Alert 10/15/2015 – Medicaid Special Project (PA) - The SFY15 and SFY16 Medicaid Special Project budgets were provided by the Ohio Department of Medicaid to cover the additional staff time needed to complete case reinstatements in the Ohio Benefits system. You claim these funds by doing a post allocated adjustment moving expenditures from Medicaid Enhanced Match to Medicaid Special Projects Enhanced Match. Please do this adjustment regardless of available funding remaining in the Medicaid Enhanced Budget. These are funds your agency earned by the extra work your staff performed and because of the nature of the allocation it is crucial that you do the adjustment to claim the funding.

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BCFTA Alert 10/16/2015 – FMAP for SCHIP (PA) - The Ohio Department of Medicaid recently notified BCFTA that the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for SCHIP changed beginning with federal fiscal year 2016. FFY16 SCHIP funding has a federal financial participation rate of 96.73% (Administration and Program). The fiscal rules will be changing as the match requirement for these expenditures will only be 3.27%, rather than the 50% previously required for administrative expenditures.

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BCFTA Alert 11/19/2015 - APS Capacity Building and Innovation Grants Extension (PA) - Director Dungey has agreed to extend the funding period for the APS grants until June 30, 2016. Counties will have the July-September 2016 quarter to fully liquidate the grant.

Funds not fully liquidated by September 30, 2016 will be returned to ODJFS as part of the July-September 2016 quarterly reconciliation. Fiscal Administrative Procedure Letter (FAPL) 59 will be reissued as FAPL 59A to reflect these changes.

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BCFTA Alert 11/23/2015 - New RMS Activity Codes (PA & PCSA) - Beginning with the 2016Q1 sampling period (December – February), two additional IV-E allowable Social Services RMS/Child Welfare RMS activity codes are available for use. Code 781 is a new child welfare training code which is reimbursed at 50% of the combined eligibility ratio. Activity 788 is for related tracking and services for victims and potential victims of sex trafficking. Also, the definition for RMS activity code 784 is edited to identify very specific IV-E allowable training activities that will be reimbursed at 75% of the combined eligibility ratio. The alert included the following link to a section of the Federal Child Welfare Policy Manual for additional clarification:

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cwpm/programs/cb/laws_policies/laws/cwpm/policy_dsp.jsp?citID=116

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BCFTA Alert 12/14/2015 – Q&A IV-E RMS Activity Codes 781 & 784 (PCSA) – This is further clarification for the alert issued 11/23/2015, referenced above. There is an attachment of questions and answers. Special note, RMS activity code 761 will be updated to include training activities for conducting child abuse and neglect investigations.

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BCFTA Alert 12/14/2015 – FAET Participation Split Issue (PA) - During the October-December 2015 liquidation period, the FFY15 FAET Participation expenditures may not be splitting properly. Agencies should review their CR454 report to determine if the expenditures split 50% to JFSCFP15 (Federal) and 50% to JFSSSF15 (State) as they should. If you find all of the costs were allocated to the federal JFSCFP15 grant line, then you will use the PAA included in the update to move 50% of the costs to the match grant line.

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