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Topic: Clarification to 6/30/10 Maximus E-Letter

This BCFTA Update provides clarification of a few issues addressed in the 6/30/10, Maximus E-Letter regarding the MLS 8.0 version. MLS 8.0 gives agencies the ability to choose between two open grants for drawing and expenditure reporting, but does not establish new or revised policy.

Period of Availability and Liquidation

Agencies may occasionally have 2 grants open at the same time. (Example: Both TANF FFY 10 and TANF FFY 11 will be available during the Oct 2010 – Dec 2010 quarter.) It is important for agencies to consider the period of availability and the liquidation period of those grants, as entered into CFIS, in order to make the appropriate grant choice during this time.

Other than claims for Title XX funding, DHHS allows a State to file a claim for FFP within 2 years after the calendar quarter in which the expenditure was made (45 CFR 95.7.) County agencies must report those expenditures to ODJFS within 7 calendar quarters after the expenditure was made to ensure the State reports the expenditure within the time frames. (Please refer to 45 CFR 95.13 regarding how to determine when an expenditure was made.)

Because of the two-year time limit, agencies have the option of posting expenditures incurred prior to 9/30/10 (and after 10/1/09) to either the FFY 10 grants or FFY 11 grants. Expenditures may be charged to a future grant (within 2 years) but cannot be charged to a grant that is past its period of availability.

- Agencies are encouraged to utilize FFY 10 allocation balances by completing a Post Allocated Adjustment (PAA) for expenditures that occurred for services as of 9/30/2010,
- Agencies may not, under any circumstances, post expenditures incurred after 9/30/10 to a FFY 10 grant. FFY 11 grants must be used for expenditures incurred on or after the beginning of the new FFY (10/1/10.)

Accessing FFY 10 Grants

- FFY 10 grants began on 10/01/2009 and are available through 9/30/2010. The liquidation period for the FFY 10 grants is 10/01/2010 – 12/31/2010; agencies may draw through Week 52 and report expenditures against this grant through the Oct – Dec reporting period.
- During the liquidation period, agencies may post expenditures for services which occurred prior to 9-30-2010 to FFY 10 grants through a Post Allocated Adjustment (PAA).
- It is important to note that when doing a PAA to access FFY 10 grants that have a match that only the FFP portion is moved through the PAA adjustment. Examples of grants that have match are IV-B, ESSA, Caseworker Visits etc.

Accessing FFY 11 Grants

- FFY 11 grants begin on 10/01/2010 are available for expenditures incurred through 9/30/2011. FFY 11 grants will have a liquidation period of 10/01/2011 – 12/31/2011; agencies may post expenditures and submit draw requests until 12/31/2011.
- Since the FFY 11 grants begin on 10/01/2010 expenditures posted via PET or QuIC+ will automatically be mapped to the FFY 11 grants.
- Agencies only need to do a PAA for those expenditures that they are opting to move to the FFY 10 grant (those incurred before 10/1/10). Again, a PAA for this purpose is not a requirement; it is an option for those with remaining FFY10 balances.

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