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Topic: **SSRMS Reconciliation and COF Changes**

In an effort to improve the accuracy of expenditures being charged to TANF and TANF Administration within the child welfare area, ODJFS has created additional RMS codes. The option to assign nonallocated costs to the TANF Regular and TANF Administration grants has been eliminated.

These changes are effective for the September – November 2010 sampling period and will impact the October – December 2010 financial period. County agencies will still have the option of selecting TANF and TANF Administration on the July – September Certification of Funds which is based on the April – June 2010 4281 results.

Therefore, effective with October-December expenditure reports, county agencies will not charge unallocated costs to TANF or TANF-Administration via the SSRMS Certification of Funds. All charges to TANF or TANF Administration will occur via RMS distribution.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- Part 5 of the JFS 04281 will be eliminated. Agencies will no longer report the TANF eligible child count
- The SSRMS Reconcile will no longer calculate the amount eligible for charging costs to TANF and TANF Administration through the Certification of Funds process
- The Certification of Funds will no longer have TANF or TANF Administration as a selection for non-allocated costs
- TANF can only be accessed via the RMS process for both stand alone and combined agencies
- RMS Code changes are effective with September 2010 Observation forms and are as follows:

Code 762 has been renamed and redefined

Code 762

CW PRC Family Preservation Activities: Includes activities performed on behalf of a child and their family if all of the following apply: there is not an in-home case or a custody case established, the child and family's income meets the income eligibility criteria for the county's PRC plan, and the county has included these services in its PRC plan. Activities include: screening and assessment of needed services, providing program information and referral and linking to services such as family preservation services, domestic violence services, parenting training, substance abuse treatment, counseling, etc.

If these activities are not part of the county PRC plan; are not TANF-allowable activities; or the child and family's income exceeds the income eligibility limit in the county's PRC plan use code 998.

Code 763 has been deleted

Code 785 has been established

Code 785

CW PRC Custody Case Management: Only use this code if all the following apply: a custody case has been established, a reunification plan is in place and the child is expected to be reunified with the family within six months of placement; the child and family's income meets the income eligibility criteria for the county's PRC plan; and the county has included these child protective services in their PRC plan. Activities include: those related to family preservation to reunite a child with the child's family. If there is a custody case, but any one of the following applies: no reunification plan, placement exceeds six months, if the family's income exceeds the PRC income eligibility limit, or the county agency has not included these services in its PRC plan; then use code 769.

Code 770 has been redefined

Code 770

CW Non-Custody Case Management: This code is to be used when completing activities for a child who is not in custody or care and control but has been determined or re-determined to be a candidate for foster care. Such activities include but are not limited to development and implementation of a regimen of reasonable efforts which are undertaken to prevent the removal of the child into placement, and/or activities related to the development and implementation of a regimen of services for an adopted child and/or the child's family which are undertaken to support the maintenance of the adoption and/or prevent the disruption of the adoption. Such activities include supporting the management of care or services referral to, or arranging for, care of services; planning or supervising care or services; supporting access to care or services; assessing results of care or services; and performing a case assessment. If the child has not been determined or re-determined to be a candidate for foster care, then use code 998.

Code 786 has been established

Code 786

CW PRC Non-Custody Case Management: Only use this code if all the following apply: an in home case is established, the child and family's income meets the income eligibility criteria for the county's PRC plan and the county has included these services in its PRC plan. Activities include: development and implementation of a regimen of reasonable efforts which are undertaken to prevent the removal of the child into placement, and/or activities related to the development and implementation of a regimen of services for an adopted child and/or the child's family which are undertaken to support the maintenance of the adoption and/or prevent the disruption of the adoption. Such activities include supporting the management of care or services referral to, or arranging for, care of services; planning or supervising care or services; supporting access to care or services; assessing results of care or services; and performing a case assessment.

If an in home case is established, but the family's income exceeds the PRC income eligibility limit, or the county agency has not included these services in its PRC plan, then use code 770.

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

Thank you.