

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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What's Inside:
**ARRA funding ending
for \$30 Plus 1/3
Income Disregard and
Non-TA Job Search for
Child Assistance**

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL REGIONAL AND COUNTY CD AND FSD STAFF

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FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION

SUBJECT: ARRA FUNDING ENDING FOR \$30 PLUS 1/3 DISREGARD AND
NON-TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE JOB SEARCH

REFERENCE: CHILDREN'S DIVISION
FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform staff that both the \$30 Plus 1/3 Income Disregard and the Non-TA Job Search programs are ending. The funding for both these programs was made possible from the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and was allowed while ARRA funding was available. As ARRA funding must be spent by September 30, 2011, and child care payments are made the month after services were rendered, both the \$30 plus 1/3 disregard and the Non – TA Job Search programs will end August 31, 2011. This memorandum outlines how these programs will be ended in FAMIS.

SYSTEM CHANGES - \$30 plus 1/3 Disregard

The evening of August 9, 2011, FAMIS will end the \$30 plus 1/3 disregard effective with the September 2011 budget month for all Eligibility Units (EU's) for which the disregard is currently allowed. If the removal of the disregard increases the sliding fee or closes the case, EULOG (FM40) will display an AABR or AACL action and an adverse action notice (FA 510) will be produced notifying the EU. Normal hearing rights apply. If the removal of the disregard results in no change or a decrease to the sliding fee, EULOG (FM40) will display a NOCH or INCR action and a claimant action notice (FA 150) will be produced notifying the EU.

Effective August 8, 2011, the CC ARRA participation flag will no longer display on the Select Income (SELINC – FMX2) screen. The Child Care Budget Summary (CCBUDSUM – FM3T) will continue to display the "EI Disregard" field, but the amount will be zero for budget months of September 2011 forward.

The “ARRA EI Disregard” field will not display on the Income Summary Detail (INCSUMM – FM33) screen for budget months of September 2011 forward, but will continue to display for budget months prior to September 2011.

The budget summary paragraph on the FA 150 & FA 155 will continue to display the “Earnings Disregard” field. The amount in this field will be zero for budget month September 2011 forward.

The following paragraph has been added to the FA 150 & FA 510 and will be produced when the \$30 + 1/3 disregard is removed from an individual in the EU. If two (2) individuals in an EU have the \$30 + 1/3 disregard removed, the paragraph will be generated twice:

According to our records from the Division of Workforce Development (DWD), **&&EUM NAME&&** is currently participating in either the Adult Worker Program or the Dislocated Worker Program. Because **&&EUM NAME&&** is participating in one or both of these DWD programs, we were disregarding a portion of this individual’s income. This income disregard is a part of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and will end 08/31/2011.

SYSTEM CHANGES – Non – TA Job Search

The Child Care Needs (CCNEED – FMAC) screen will no longer accept the Non-TA Job Search (NTA) child care need for any date past August 31, 2011.

The following paragraph will appear on the FA 150 & FA 510 client notices when an NTA need is entered and on any notice that is produced while the NTA need is open. This paragraph will also be produced when the NTA need is ending based on the NTA end date & the fact that no other child care need exists. If two (2) individuals in the EU have the NTA need open, the paragraph will be produced twice.

The need for child care for **&&EUM NAME&&** is listed as Job Search. Individuals who have not applied for or who are not receiving Temporary Assistance benefits are limited to 60 days of Job Search as a need for child care. This 60-day Job Search period is funded through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which ends on 08/31/2011. If you have another need for care, such as employment, education, or training please contact your Eligibility Specialist.

NECESSARY ACTION:

1. Review this memorandum with all Children’s Division and Family Support Division staff.
2. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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CHILD CARE MANUAL REVISIONS 1210.025.20 \$30 PLUS 1/3 DISREGARD 1210.020.15.45 – Non-Temporary Assistance Job Search	
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS N/A	
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS and RESOURCES N/A	
RELATED STATUTE N/A	
ADMINISTRATIVE RULE N/A	
COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS N/A	
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR) N/A	
PROTECTIVE FACTORS Parental Resilience – Yes Social Connections – Yes Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development – N/A Concrete Support in Times of Need – YES Social and Emotional Competence of Children – N/A	
FACES REQUIREMENTS N/A	