

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE PARTICIPANTS FROM THE MISSOURI FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION

In February 2012, Congress passed a law that forbids people who receive Temporary Assistance from accessing their Temporary Assistance benefits at casinos, liquor stores, and certain adult stores.

Our records show that you are the person who receives the payment of the TA cash benefit. This letter is to remind you of the purpose of the TA cash benefit(s).

The TA program provides cash assistance to individuals so they can care for child(ren) in their home. TA cash benefits are not approved or continued unless the benefits are used to meet the needs of the child(ren).

Misuse of TA cash benefits can result in a change to who receives the payment of the TA cash benefit. The TA cash benefit could be paid directly to a provider (creditor) or to another person (a protective payee). Having a protective payee means the payment of the TA cash grant goes to a relative or friend who will spend the TA cash benefit on the needs of the child(ren). You would not be able to use the TA cash benefit anymore.

The misuse of the TA cash grant means spending the benefit for things that do not meet the needs of the child(ren). Examples of misuse of your TA cash benefit include:

- purchasing alcohol,
- purchasing tobacco,
- purchasing illegal drugs,
- using TA cash benefits at an adult store (i.e., adult bookstore, adult video store, or strip clubs), and
- using the TA cash benefits to gamble (i.e. casinos, bingo).

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the Family Support Division Information Center at (855)373-4636.