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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From:  Paul Sutliff, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations
**Re: SNAP: The Treatment of Certain Payments Made to Clients
Participating in Employment and Training Services**

Overview

Certain payments made to clients participating in employment and training services such as Workforce Investment Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs, Employment Services Program (ESP) or from other state agencies and organizations are disregarded in part when determining a household's eligibility and benefit level.

Payments intended to reimburse education or training-related costs for specific goods or services are noncountable. These payments cannot be in addition to any other payments intended to reimburse the same expense; any duplicate payments provided are countable

Stipends that are received for employment and training that are not intended to reimburse a specific cost are disregarded in part. The first \$130 of the monthly stipend must be disregarded and the balance treated as countable unearned income.

Purpose

This Online Guide Transmittal advises staff of the new Online Guide Page: The Treatment of Certain Payments Made to Clients Participating in Employment and Training Services.

**New Online
Guide Page**

Topic: SNAP
Book: Eligibility Requirements
Chapter: Income
Page: The Treatment of Certain Payments Made to Clients
Participating in Employment and Training
Services

Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email the DTA Mailbox.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.