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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff

From: Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management

Re: Cross Program: Discontinuation of P-EBT Expungement Notices

Overview

DTA and Non-DTA clients who have not used their P-EBT benefits in 274 days, were previously issued a P-EBT Expungement Notice when benefits were expunged. This notice advised clients of the total P-EBT benefits expunged and how to request restoration of the expunged benefits.

With the ending of the Public Health Emergency (PHE), all P-EBT funds for both the school year and the summer must be distributed by the end of 2023 federal fiscal year, which is September 30, 2023.

As of March 16, 2023, the Department will no longer send clients the P-EBT Expungement Notice. DTA will continue to send the P-EBT Expungement Warning Notices to clients who have not spent their P-EBT benefits and are within 30 days of expungement.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff that clients will no longer be issued P-EBT Expungement Notices.

Revised Online Guide Pages

Topic: COVID-19 **Book:** P-EBT

Page: P-EBT Expunged Benefit Restoration Requests

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 them to <u>DTA.Procedural Issues</u>.

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