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NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO THE CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Date: July 11, 2022	Subtopic(s): Child Care
<p>Refer to: 22-OCFS-INF-04</p> <p>Refer to: PD#15-04-OPE</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform Job Center and Child Care Review Team (CCRT) staff that effective August 1, 2022, the Transitional Child Care (TCC) eligibility will use the 300% state income standard (SIS) as a threshold rather than 200% SIS. This policy bulletin is informational for all other staff.</p> <p>TCC eligibility will use the 300% SIS provided that all other criteria discussed below are met and the family income does not exceed 85% of the State Median Income (SMI).</p> <p>The child care guarantee provides assistance to help eligible working families with their child care expenses. Families may be eligible to receive TCC for up to 12 months after they become ineligible for Cash Assistance (CA) or Child Care in Lieu of Cash Assistance (CILOCA) due to an increase in earned income, increased income from child support or by voluntary request.</p> <p>Families transitioning from CA or CILOCA to self-sufficiency must have their TCC eligibility determined before their child care is terminated. Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) TCC Unit makes this eligibility determination.</p> <p>Households that meet the TCC eligibility criteria must not have their child care assistance disrupted and are not required to file an application for TCC services. This pertains only to cases where the parent/guardian already has child care in place through the Automated Child Care Information System (ACCIS) for all the children in the household at the time of the CA or CILOCA case closing.</p>

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TCC assistance must be guaranteed for a period of up to 12 months after a CA or CILOCA case closes if the parent or guardian:

- continues to need child care for an eligible child under 13 years of age in order to remain engaged in work.
“Engaged in work” means that an individual:
 - earns wages at a level equal to or greater than the New York State (NYS) and federal minimum wage for their type of employment; or
 - is self-employed and demonstrates that their income is equal to or greater than the NYS and federal minimum wages.
- has income less than 300% of the state income standard, effective August 1, 2022; and
- received CA or CILOCA for three of the six months prior to the case closing; and
- the CA or CILOCA case closed as a result of:
 - increased earned income; or
 - increased income from child support; or
 - the parent/guardian voluntarily closed CA or CILOCA case; and
 - the household has resources in excess of allowable amounts to be eligible for CA or CILOCA.

Note: Only those who meet all of these criteria are eligible for the TCC guarantee.

Effective August 1, 2022

References:

[22-OCFS-INF-04](#)

Related Item:

[PD#15-04-OPE](#)