



OFFICE OF POLICY, PROCEDURES, AND TRAINING

POLICY BULLETIN # 22-38-ELI

TREATMENT OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CHILD CARE STABILIZATION GRANT

Date: June 17, 2022	Subtopic(s): Child Care Stabilization Grant
	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform Job Center, Non-Cash Assistance (NCA) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA), and Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) staff of grant payments made available through the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020-2021 Child Care Stabilization Grant program, administered through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), for purposes of Cash Assistance (CA), SNAP, and HEAP eligibility determinations.</p> <p><u>BACKGROUND</u></p> <p>The Child Care Stabilization Grant assists child care providers, including in-home providers, that incurred substantial financial losses to continue to provide services during the pandemic. Providers are able to use Stabilization Grant funds for costs that were incurred after January 31, 2020, as long as those uses were made in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, in any of the categories indicated in the OCFS guidelines, provided those expenses were not previously reimbursed by other funding or programs, including New York State Coronavirus Aide, Relief, and Economic Security (NYS CARES) child care grants. These funds can be used for things such as rent/mortgage obligations, personal protective equipment, personnel costs, and facility improvements, etc. There is also a provision to pay child care providers for up to 24 days of retroactive child care absences. For a full list of allowable uses and more information regarding the FFY 2020-2021 Child Care Stabilization Grant Program, please visit the OCFS website at Child Care Stabilization Grant Contracts, Grants and RFPs OCFS (ny.gov).</p>

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROCEDURE?
 Call 718-557-1313 then press 3 at the prompt followed by 1 or
 send an e-mail to *FIA Call Center Fax* or fax to: (917) 639-0298

CASH ASSISTANCE (CA)

Individuals who are applying for, or in receipt of CA may be impacted by the receipt of these benefits, especially in-home and family-based child care providers. Grants made available through the FFY 2020-2021 Child Care Stabilization Grant Program for a specific purpose that does not include reimbursement of income must be excluded as income and disregarded as a resource for the purposes of determining CA eligibility for both emergency and ongoing CA. This includes Family Assistance (FA), Safety Net Assistance (SNA), Emergency Assistance to Needy Families with Children (EAF), Emergency Safety Net Assistance (ESNA), and Emergency Assistance for Adults (EAA). A note should be made in the case record regarding the individual's receipt of these payments.

If these payments are received retroactively, it would be excluded as income and resources and are, therefore, not subject to the lump sum provisions.

Grants made available through the FFY 2020-2021 Child Care Stabilization Grant Program to reimburse the loss of income, including retroactive absence reimbursements, are considered income that cannot be excluded and disregarded as a resource when determining eligibility for both emergency and ongoing CA. Verification of the reimbursement of income, including retroactive absence reimbursements, must be documented in the case record regarding the individual's receipt of these payments and budgeted in accordance with regular CA rules.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

For the purpose of determining eligibility and the calculation of SNAP benefits, any grant funds received under the FFY 2020-2021 Child Care Stabilization Grant Program should be excluded as income.

Unless otherwise exempt, any such payments received under this program would be considered countable resources in the month received and in subsequent months as long as they remain liquid and readily available to the household (such as cash on hand, amounts in any account in a financial institution that are readily available to the household including money in checking or savings accounts, savings certificates, stocks, or bonds).

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP)

The payment(s) provided to individuals under the FFY 2020-2021 Child Care Stabilization Grant Program will be excluded as countable income for HEAP eligibility determinations and must not be counted in the HEAP budget. Payment(s) received under this program will be excluded from the HEAP household's income when determining eligibility for Regular HEAP, Emergency, Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement (HERR), Heating Equipment Clean and Tune (C&T), and Cooling Assistance benefits. Any remaining balance from these payment(s) are not considered a liquid resource for the Emergency and HERR benefit components.

Effective Immediately

References:

[GIS 22 TA/DC056](#)