

First Friday Forum

DSHS Updates for Community Services Division (CSD)

June 1st, 2018– Seattle, WA

Classic Medicaid Information

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| Classic Medicaid: Spendedown Program | Oldest Document | Total Cases |
| | 5/23/18 | 32 |
| Classic Medicaid: Daily Spendedown Emergent Cases | 5/29/18 | 1 |
| Classic Medicaid: Alien Emergency Medical Program | 5/16/18 | 16 |
| *As of 5/29/18 | | |

Child Care Subsidy Program

- Beginning Tuesday May 15th, 2018, approximately 37,000 Client Notice of Change letters will be mailed to all approved Child Care Subsidy cases.
- **You Do Not Need to Request Additional Care for Summer!** We make changes to the number of hours your school-age child is eligible for in the summer automatically.
- Child Care providers will receive a similar notice advising of summer changes.

TANF Means Testing

- Effective July 1, 2018, there will no longer be means testing to determine income eligibility for child-only TANF caregiver households due to a change in the 2017-2019 Washington State Budget.
- Caregivers will no longer need to provide their income information at applications or reviews for non-needy TANF and only need to list the child's income on the application unless they are applying for other benefits.

TANF Means Testing

- TANF grants could increase for caregivers that had income between 200% and 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. The system will automatically adjust cash and Basic Food benefit amount for active cases.
- Care givers no longer need to report changes in their income and,
- Caregivers denied for a child only TANF grant due to the caregiver's income may want to reapply for TANF benefits in mid-June for July benefits.

TANF Means Testing

Transforming
Lives

- Caregivers must still report when:
 - They move;
 - The child they are caring for moves out of the home;
 - Anyone related to the child moves into or out of the home;
 - There is a change in the child's income;
 - The child has liquid resources more than four thousand dollars;
 - A child in the home becomes a foster child; or
 - The caregiver legally adopts the recipient child.

TANF Cash Grant Increase 7/1/18

- All TANF grants are increasing by 9.3% due to a change in the 2017-2019 Washington State Budget.
- A letter describing the change will be mailed to TANF households prior to the change.

Sign-On Support (SOS) Team

- Customers experiencing difficulties establishing the Client Benefit Account can receive assistance by:
 - Asking the Contact Center Call Navigator or Financial Worker to make a referral to the Sign-on Support (SOS) Team
 - Worker will make three attempts to call back
 - Worker will leave a message for client

Questions?

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