Separating Kinship Payment Types – Project 14562

OVERVIEW

Kinship payments can come from different sources. Individuals receiving kinship payments from Title IV Guardianship Assistance funds are not eligible for Colorado Works.

Some examples of those types of funds are foster care, adoption subsidies, and kinship payments through child welfare. Previously, CBMS had one value for all kinship payments.

This project provides a way to capture the type of kinship payment a child is receiving and appropriately deny the child when the kinship payment is made with Title IV funds.

The new unearned income type **"Title IV Kinship Care Payments"** is exempt for all programs except the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. The existing income type

"Kinship Care Payments" should only be used for Non-Title IV payments now. These payments are now 'countable' for Colorado Works.

VERIFICATIONS

In CBMS, the verification source remains the same as other unearned income types. A verification checklist will be created if acceptable verification is not provided.

When an individual is receiving a Title IV kinship payment with an acceptable verification, CBMS will exclude them from the CW Assistance Unit, and their income will be exempt from Colorado Works. Other members of the household might still be eligible for Colorado Works.

CLIENT NOTIFICATIONS

An individual will receive a denial or termination notice if they are excluded because of receiving a Title IV Kinship payment.

COLORADO WORKS FAMILY EXAMPLE

A woman, her baby, and a nephew, who is currently living with her, are all applying for Colorado Works. She and the baby do not have any income, and meet all other eligibility requirements. The nephew is receiving kinship payments through child welfare.

Because there is one eligible child, the woman and her baby will pass for Colorado Works. However, the nephew would be denied because of the Title IV kinship payments.

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