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State Policy Regarding Pass-Through and Disregard of Current Month's Child Support Collected for Families Receiving TANF-Funded Cash Assistance

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STATE	CURRENT STATUS
ALABAMA	No pass-through/disregard.
ALASKA	Up to \$50 passed through. Amount disregarded for purposes of eligibility and benefits.
ARIZONA	No pass-through/disregard.
ARKANSAS	No pass-through/disregard.
CALIFORNIA	Up to \$50 passed through. Amount disregarded for purposes of eligibility and benefits. Pending legislation (A.B. 176) would increase pass-through/disregard up to \$100 for one child and \$200 for two or more children.
COLORADO	No pass-through/disregard.
CONNECTICUT	Up to \$50 passed through. Amount disregarded for purposes of eligibility and benefits. <i>Exception:</i> If the child support exceeds the TANF benefit by more than \$50, the family receives the entire amount of child support and the support is fully counted as income.
DELAWARE	Up to \$50 passed through. Amount disregarded for purposes of eligibility and benefits. State also uses fill-the-gap budgeting.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Up to \$150 passed through. Amount disregarded for purposes of eligibility and benefits.
FLORIDA	No pass-through/disregard.
GEORGIA	State passes through and disregards some or all support for purposes of fill-the-gap budgeting.
HAWAII	No pass-through/disregard.

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IDAHO	No pass-through/disregard.
ILLINOIS	Up to \$50 passed through. Amount disregarded for purposes of eligibility and benefits.
INDIANA	No pass-through/disregard.
IOWA	No pass-through/disregard.
KANSAS	No pass-through/disregard.
KENTUCKY	The state share of the amount in excess of the TANF grant up to the obligation is sent to the TANF family. The first \$50 is disregarded for purposes of gross income test used in determining TANF eligibility. If applicant meets gross income test, full amount disregarded for purposes of eligibility and benefits.
LOUISIANA	No pass-through/disregard.
MAINE	Up to \$50 passed through. Amount disregarded for purposes of eligibility and benefits. State also uses fill-the-gap budgeting.
MARYLAND	No pass-through/disregard.
MASSACHUSETTS	Up to \$50 passed through. Amount disregarded for purposes of eligibility and benefits. <i>Exception:</i> If a child is excluded from grant by family cap, then all child support collected is passed through and \$90 is disregarded. Legislation (House No. 3003) was introduced to pass through and disregard support to the extent that the federal government waives the federal share of assigned support. The bill also would adopt post-TANF distribution options.
MICHIGAN	Up to \$50 passed through. Amount disregarded for purposes of eligibility and benefits.
MINNESOTA	State passes through all support up to court-ordered amount but does not disregard any for purposes of calculating benefits.
MISSISSIPPI	No pass-through/disregard.
MISSOURI	No pass-through/disregard.
MONTANA	No pass-through/disregard. Has a supplemental TANF payment program based on child support receipt of up to \$100.
NEBRASKA	No pass-through/disregard.
NEVADA	No pass-through/disregard.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE	No pass-through/disregard.
NEW JERSEY	Up to \$50 passed through. Amount disregarded for purposes of eligibility and benefits.
NEW MEXICO	Up to \$50 passed through. Amount disregarded for purposes of eligibility and benefits. Pending legislation (H.B.342) would increase pass-through/disregard up to \$100 for one child and \$200 for two or more children, effective 1/01/09.
NEW YORK	Up to \$50 of current support paid in a month is passed through. Amount disregarded for purposes of eligibility and benefits.
NORTH CAROLINA	No pass-through/disregard.
NORTH DAKOTA	No pass-through/disregard.
OHIO	No pass-through/disregard.
OKLAHOMA	No pass-through/disregard.
OREGON	No pass-through/disregard. Pending legislation (H.B. 2469) would establish a pass-through/disregard of up to \$50 per month.
PENNSYLVANIA	Up to \$50 passed through. Amount disregarded for purposes of eligibility and benefits.
RHODE ISLAND	Up to \$50 passed through. Amount disregarded for purposes of eligibility and benefits.
SOUTH CAROLINA	State passes through and disregards some or all support for purposes of fill-the-gap budgeting.
SOUTH DAKOTA	No pass-through/disregard.
TENNESSEE	State passes through and disregards some or all support for purposes of fill-the-gap budgeting.
TEXAS	State retains all support collected. However, TANF grant for those on whose behalf current support is collected is increased by up to \$50 a month. Pending legislation (General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, Rider 21) would establish a \$75 pass-through/disregard, replacing the existing \$50 supplemental TANF benefit, effective 10/1/08.
UTAH	No pass-through/disregard.
VERMONT	State passes through all current support. The first \$50 is disregarded.

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VIRGINIA	Up to \$50 passed through. In addition, monthly TANF payments are increased by the amount of child support collected, less any support passed to the family. Payments are proportionally adjusted each month to ensure that appropriated funds are not exceeded. Effective 10/1/08, Virginia will increase the amount passed through and disregarded from TANF benefit calculations to \$100. The additional TANF supplement will continue to be capped at \$7.8 million.
WASHINGTON	No pass-through/disregard until 10/1/08. Effective 10/1/08, the pass-through/disregard will be up to \$100 for one child and \$200 for two or more children.
WEST VIRGINIA	State retains all support collected. However, TANF grant for those on whose behalf current support is collected is increased by up to \$25 a month.
WISCONSIN	State's share of assigned collections is passed through. Full amount is disregarded for purposes of eligibility and benefits.
WYOMING	No pass-through/disregard.