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Question:

Is it permissible to issue transportation allowances for Transitional Cash Assistance (TCA) cases (C/U 71/72) if the client's employment has ended, but he/she is actively seeking new employment?

RESPONSE by: K. Reyes

No, unless the client also receives SNAP benefits and qualifies for a Special Allowance (SPAL) under SNAP policy.

Transitional Cash Assistance (TCA) is a temporary supplemental grant for households whose cash assistance closed due to employment. The TCA budget designator is C/U 71 or 72. TCA households are not required to report changes; however, if changes are reported, the CAO is required to act. The TCA household can reapply for TANF at any time.

Per OPS 090303, SPALs may be authorized during the TCA period only if eligible under SNAP policy.

SNAP clients must have an approved Employment Development Plan for a SPAL to be approved. A Transportation SPAL is only eligible until the first day of employment and is subject to the \$1,500 annual limit (7/1 – 6/30).

If there is existing employment income associated with the client that has not been finalized in CIS, the individual is ineligible for a Transportation SPAL. Please see OPS 110602 for more information on SPALs.

Further questions regarding SPAL issuances can be directed to the Bureau of Policy, Division of Employment and Training, at (717) 787-1302.