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To: Community Social Service Supervisors/Program Managers

Subject: **Family Contribution for Persons with Disabilities**

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Effective Date January 2009

Changes are being made to the gifting section of the policy manual as well as section 8(1)(viii) of the Regulation, effective January 2009, to permit each adult in a case, eligible to receive Employment and Income Assistance under the persons with disability category, to receive contributions of up to $500 per month from family or others without affecting the amount of their monthly benefits. The purpose is to allow families and others to help improve the standard of living of their loved ones in a meaningful and ongoing fashion. Income not exempted by Regulation (such as child maintenance payments) received by the participant will not be considered exempt as a family contribution.

Contributions are made to the participants and not the case. Therefore, a case may receive $1,000 per month if there are two adults with a disability in the case. Contributions in excess of $500 per person cannot be averaged over a period of time; they are fully considered in the month in which they are received. For example, if a participant receives a $1,000 contribution in a given month, $500 would be considered exempt and $500 would be an available financial resource.

It will be the responsibility of the participant to notify their case coordinator, in writing, when they receive contributions and to submit a breakdown of all monies received as part of their Annual Review. If these contributions are not spent nor placed in an RDSP or Disability Trust, they will count as liquid assets. Funds in excess of allowable liquid assets are considered a financial resource to be considered in the calculation of their benefits.