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10.551 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FORMERLY THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM and in Maryland, called the "Food Supplement Program")

Program Description: Provides a monthly benefit to low-income households for food purchase from participating retail stores authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Formula Description: The Department of Agriculture pays 100% of benefit costs to individuals and households.

Program Supported / Population Served: Food Supplement Program Benefits.

10.561 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)/FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM (FSP) - ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS*

Program Description: Local departments of social services deliver the Food Supplement Program's direct services. The program is administered and monitored by DHR's Family Investment Administration. The Food Supplement Program provides a monthly benefit to lowincome households for food purchase from participating retail stores authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Also included in administrative costs are expenses for the Food Stamp Nutrition Education (FSNE) program. These services are provided through an intergovernmental agreement with the University of Maryland/Maryland Cooperative Extension.

Formula Description: The Department of Agriculture pays 50% of the administrative costs incurred by state and local agencies.

Program Supported / Population Served: Food Supplement Program Benefits.

10.568 EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS)

Program Description: TEFAP makes funds available to state and local agencies to process, store, and distribute USDA commodities to needy persons. Food commodities are provided to feeding organizations such as soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, food banks and residential facilities. In addition to food provided through farm subsidies, funds are provided to state agencies to cover administrative costs incurred at the state and local level in the operation of the program.

Formula Description: Cash assistance, in the form of formula grants, is allocated among the states on the basis of each state's population of low-income and unemployed persons, as compared to national statistics. Each state's share of funds is based 60% on the number of persons in households within the state having incomes below the poverty level and 40% on the number of unemployed persons within the state. At a minimum, states must make 40% of the

administrative grant available to local agencies or expend such funds on their behalf. States must match the federal funds used for state administration of the program.

Program Supported / Population Served: Annually, The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) distributes over 6 million pounds of food.

14.235 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM

Program Description: This is a grant for use by the Washington County Department of Social Services. The grant is used to provide additional housing support to those in need.

93.075 STATE INTEROPERABILITY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Program Description: Funding used to improve functionality of state's health and human services data systems.

93.090 GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE

Program Description: This assistance is intended to prevent inappropriately long stays in foster

care and to promote the healthy development of children through increased safety, permanency and well-being with relatives who have assumed legal guardianship. It may only be used in support of the care of children who meet the eligibility requirements and their siblings under certain situations.

93.556 PROMOTING SAFE & STABLE FAMILIES PROGRAM (PSSF) (Formerly entitled "Family Preservation")

Program Supported / Population Served: The family preservation and family support funds are allocated to the local departments of social services. , In SFY 2014, the family preservation and support services program served approximately 620 families.

Time-Limited and Adoption Promotion and Support Services are provided through the twentyfour local departments of social services. Time-Limited Reunification services are provided to children and families in which the child has been removed from the home and placed in a family foster home or childcare institution. This program assists in the facilitation of the reunification of the child, safely and appropriately within a timely fashion, but only during the 15 months that begins on the date that the child is considered to have entered care. The six services that are offered to a child and his/her parents eligible to receive services under time-limited reunification services are: individual/family counseling, substance abuse treatment, temporary daycare, transportation, mental health services, and domestic violence services. The Adoption Promotion and Support Services are designed to encourage more adoptions out of the foster care system, when adoption promotes the best interest of the child(ren). Funds are specifically geared to ensure that the children with a goal of adoption get adopted. The money is to be used to remove barriers to finalize the adoption or to expedite the process. Many of the local departments have utilized the Adoption Promotion funds to assist adoptive parents with the cost of counseling services, and trainings for children with special needs and mental health issues.

93.558 TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)

Program Description: Provides funding for direct benefits and services to assist needy families with children, promoting job preparation, work, independence and responsibility. Encourages recipients to explore available family and community resources.

Formula Description: 100% Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds with a Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement based on historic state spending under the predecessor program, Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

Program Supported / Population Served:

- 1. Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA): Monthly average, Over 60,000
- 2. Work Opportunities Program: 15,000+ individual participants
- 3. Welfare Avoidance Grants (WAGS)
- 4. Emergency Assistance for Families

93.563 CHILD SUPPORT TITLE IV-D

Project Description: Establishes paternity, establishes and enforces child support and medical support obligations, reviews and adjusts support obligations, and collects and disburses support payments. Full services are mandated for Temporary Cash Assistance and non-Public Assistance Medical Assistance recipients. Full services are available to Non-Temporary Cash Assistance customers who apply and pay an application fee. In addition, collection and disbursement services are provided to persons with child support obligations payable through earnings withholding orders. In interstate cases, services are provided in accord with the uniform Interstate Family Support Act.

Formula Description: Federal financial participation in the Tile IV-D program is 66% and 90% for laboratory costs incurred in determining paternity.

Program Supported / Population Served: Child support enforcement TCA, NPA-MA, Non-TCA, & Non-IV-D

93.566 REFUGEE & ENTRANT ASSISTANCE STATE ADMINISTERED PROGRAMS

Program Description: The Refugee Resettlement Program provides transitional refugee cash assistance and contracts for adjustment services (e.g., English language instruction, employment services, and health screenings) for refugees and individuals who are granted political asylum.

Formula Description: Allocations are calculated based on the number of refugee arrivals to Maryland.

Program Supported/Population Served: Newly arrived refugee, asylees and other humanitarian entrants coming to Maryland through the federal Refugee Resettlement program.

93.568 LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

Program Description: Assists eligible households in meeting the costs of home heating and/or cooling. DHR is authorized to receive funds under this Act. The Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP), an operating unit within the Family Investment Administration, administers a program to assist homeowners, renters, and roomers/boarders with home energy costs.

Formula Description: Maryland receives an allocation from the appropriation amount of the regular block grant. The tier 1 base funding for the LIHEAP block grant is derived from a complicated formula that allocates funding based on census data, weather zones, heating and cooling degree days, total heating degree days for a calendar year, average 30-year heating degree days, residential coal consumption, percent of fuel used for heating/cooling by region, weather zone for fuel oil, natural gas, electricity, kerosene and liquefied petroleum gas as well as an extensive fuel criteria information. Maryland's percentage of the allocation from the tier 1 allocation is 1.607% (percentage). Once the national appropriation reaches above \$1.975 billion; the allocation formula changes to a tier 2 formula. Maryland's allocation of the tier 2 formula is 2.197% (percentage). Maryland also receives emergency grants throughout the federal program year if there are contingency grants released from the emergency appropriation funds. These funds are distributed on an as needed basis and are not guaranteed.

93.575 CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) Discretionary

Program Description: Provides child care assistance for low-income working families to: (1) allow states maximum flexibility in developing child care programs and policies that best suit the needs of children and parents; (2) promote parental choice to empower working parents to make their own decisions on the child care that best suits their family's needs; (3) encourage state to provide consumer education information to help parents make informed choices about child care; (4) assist states to provide child care to parents trying to achieve independence from public assistance; and (5) assist states in implementing the health, safety, licensing, and registration standards established in state law and regulations. MSDE is the lead agency; DHR receives an appropriation to administer eligibility activities.

Formula Description: Federal discretionary funds are allocated to the state using a proportional formula based on three factors:

• The Young Child Factor: the ratio of the number of children under age 5 in the state to the number of same-aged children nationally;

- The School Lunch Factor: the ratio of the number of children receiving free or reduced lunch in a state to the number of such children nationally; and
- The Allotment Proportion Factor: the per capita income of all individuals in the state (averaged over a three-year period) divided by the per capita income of all individuals nationally (averaged over a three-year period).

Program Supported / Population Served: A substantial portion of the funds will be used to provide assistance to low-income working families who are not receiving assistance under TANF, attempting through work activities to transition from temporary assistance programs. A certain amount of funds must be used for specific purposes: quality expansion, infant and toddler quality improvement, child care resource and referrals, and school age child care activities.

93.576 REFUGEE & ENTRANT ASSISTANCE: SERVICES TO OLDER REFUGEES

Program Description: In FY 2015, the Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees (MORA) received three Discretionary Grants: (1) Services to Older Refugees, (2) the Refugee School Impact Grant, ("Refugee Youth Project"), and (3) Refugee Integration Services and Employment (RISE). Services to Older Refugees aims to improve service access to refugees ages 60 and over, enhancing their ability to live independently and linking them to naturalization assistance services, especially for those who have lost or are at risk of losing Supplemental Security Income and other federal benefits. The Refugee Youth Project helps vulnerable children and teens in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area to improve their academic performance and social adjustment to schools. RISE provides comprehensive employment services, including self-sufficiency planning, pre-employment training, and intensive case management for refugees who have failed to become self-sufficient in Frederick County.

Program Supported / Population Served: Refugee, asylee and other humanitarian entrants over the age of 60.

93.584 REFUGEE AND ENTRANT ASSISTANCE TARGETED ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Program Description: Targeted Assistance Grant (TAG) services are for refugees in counties where, because of factors such as unusually large refugee populations and high refugee concentrations, there exists a demonstrable need for supplemental resources to this population. The qualifying areas are the Baltimore Metropolitan Area and Montgomery/Prince George's counties. Services include employment services and English language instruction. Targeted assistance funds are used primarily for employability services designed to enable refugees to obtain jobs with less than one year's participation in the program.

Formula Description: Counties qualify for TAG services based on the number of refugee arrivals during the most recent two-year period (FY 2013 – FY 2014), and on the concentration of the refugee population as a percentage of each county's overall population.

Program Supported / Population Served:

• Vocational English as a Second Language

93.596 CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) Mandatory and Matching

Program Description: Provides for eligibility processing and other administrative expenses related to child care assistance for low-income working families. MSDE is the lead agency; DHR receives an appropriation to administer eligibility activities.

Formula Description: The Department's Cost Allocation Plan guides the distribution of administrative funding.

Program Supported / Population Served: Funds support the State's Child Care Subsidy program. The populations served include welfare-to-work participants and low-income working families who are not receiving assistance under TANF.

93.597 ACCESS & VISITATION PROGRAMS

Program Description: Creates programs supporting and facilitating access and visitation by non-custodial parents with their children. Activities may include mediation, counseling, education, development of parenting plans, visitation enforcement, and development of guidelines for visitation and alternative custody arrangements.

Formula Description: The allotment to states for a fiscal year is the amount that bears the same ratio to the total amount for grants for the fiscal year as the number of children in the state living with only one biological parent bears to the total number of such children in all states. Federal funds awarded may be used to pay for 90% of the total costs of the program. The remaining 10% must be from non-federal sources, either state or local, cash or in-kind.

Program Supported / Population Served: State Access and Visitation Program, Custodial/ Non-custodial parents and in Anne Arundel, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Somerset, St. Mary's, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties.

93.599 CHAFEE EDUCATION & TRAINING VOUCHER PROGRAM

Program Description: Provides vouchers for postsecondary education and training to youth eligible for services under the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program. Vouchers also are provided to youth who are adopted from foster care after age 16 and to youth up to the age of 23, providing they participate in the program at age 21 and make satisfactory progress toward completing their course of study or training. Vouchers provided to individuals are available for the cost of attending an institution of higher education.

Formula Description: States are allotted funds based on the ratio of the state's number of foster care children compared to the total number of children in foster care nationally, in the most recent fiscal year for which information is available. The federal government pays 80% of the total amount of funds (less any penalties) up to the amount of funds allotted to the state for the

Educational and Training Vouchers Program. The state provides matching contributions to cover 20% of the costs.

Program Supported / Population Served: Foster Youth aging out of the system.

93.645 CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

Program Supported / Population Served: Services supported through Title IV-B Subpart I are those child welfare programs designed to evaluate a child's safety and risk and work with the child's family to maintain the child in his/her home. Services include prevention, intervention, family preservation and family support. In FY14, 24,238 investigations of reported abuse and neglect were conducted by local departments of social services. During that same time period, 10,796 families received in-home family services to promote child safety.

Program Description: (Title IV-B, Subpart I) Improves child welfare services with the goal of keeping families together. State services include: (1) preventive intervention to keep children in their home if possible; (2) development of alternative placements such as foster care or adoption, if children cannot remain at home; and (3) reunification so children can return home if possible.

Formula Description: The State receives federal funding based on an allocation formula, which distributes funds to all states. The federal child welfare services appropriation is based on a variable formula, taking into account the population of children under 21 and the complement of the state per capita income, compared to the U.S per capita income. Statistical factors used in fund allocations are: (1) the population of children under 21 years of age by state; and (2) the three-year average per capita income by state. Income factors for eligibility do not apply to this program.

93.658 TITLE IV-E FOSTER CARE

Program Description: Title IV-E funds are federal funds that are matched by State dollars to pay for specific child welfare activities. Historically, title IV-E funds have been permitted primarily for children and youth while they are in foster care. In 2014, Maryland applied for the Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration. These projects provide flexibility to States in their use of Title IV-E funds; funds would be used for programs to improve outcomes for children, rather than as a reimbursement for children qualifying as Title IV-E Eligible. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) approved Maryland for a Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project in October 2014 with implementation to begin July 1, 2015. The Title IV-E Waiver provides Maryland with the opportunity to test new approaches to service delivery and financing structures. No new funds are provided with the Waiver Demonstration. It provides flexibility of funding using Title IV-E funds. DHR anticipates that the flexibility provided by the Waiver Demonstration Project will result in improved outcomes for children and families, including increased youth and family functioning; decreased entries into foster care (new and re-entries); reduced lengths of stay; improved social and emotional functioning; improved educational achievement; increased exits to permanence and decreased reports of maltreatment.

Formula Description: Funds will be issued as a block grant in FY 16.

93.659 ADOPTION ASSISTANCE

Program Description: The Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980 provided the first Federal subsidies to encourage the adoption of children from the nation's foster care system. These subsidies, known as adoption assistance, serve to minimize the financial obstacles to adoption. In addition, other types of assistance often are available to help with medical care or other services. Adoption assistance serves to remove barriers and contribute to an increase in adoption of children with special needs. In addition to the Federal subsidies, Maryland funds subsidies for those children who do not qualify for Federal subsidy. As of July 31, 2014, 7,448 children adopted in Maryland received an adoption subsidy.

Formula Description: The federal government reimburses the state for 50 percent of its adoption assistance payments. The federal share is 50 percent for administrative costs and non-recurring adoption expenses and 75 percent for training costs.

93.667 SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (SSBG)

Program Description: Supports social services programs for adults and children. The block grant statute gives states greater flexibility in the use of funds. Within limitations specified by law, states determine which services are provided, eligible categories, populations of adults and children, geographic areas of the state in which each service will be provided, and whether services are provided by state or local agency staff, or through contracts with private organizations.

Formula Description: SSBG grants are determined by a statutory formula based on the state population and total U.S. population. There is no matching requirement. Funding includes TANF funds (\$22.9 million) transferred to SSBG.

93.669 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & TREATMENT ACT (CAPTA)

Program Description: Provides funds for child abuse prevention activities, including training of child protective service workers, investigation of child abuse, and a variety of state-initiated innovative programs, which are designed to prevent child abuse and neglect or to provide services to victims and their families. These programs support research, evaluation, technical assistance, and data collection activities to prevent child maltreatment. CAPTA also sets forth a minimum definition of child abuse and neglect.

Formula Description: There are no matching requirements. The statistical factor for fund distribution is the population of children under 18 in the state.

Program Supported / Population Served

*The Family Tree, which provides a child abuse hotline, counseling services, in-home interventions;

*The University of Maryland Center for Families, which serves grandparents raising their grandchildren;

*Mental Injury Assessment and Multi-Disciplinary Teams for all local departments of social services in Maryland; and

*The State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, one of Maryland's citizen review panels (requirement for grant eligibility).

93.674 CHAFEE FOSTER CARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM (CFCIP) (FORMERLY INDEPENDENT LIVING GRANT)

Program Description: Provides transitional services to committed youth in any out-of-home placement (foster care, kinship care, pre-adoptive), 14 through 20 years of age, regardless of permanency plan or placement type. The goal is to assist in making a successful transition to self-sufficiency and independence. Services provided to youth include educational assistance, housing assistance, leadership training, health and safety issues, budgeting and financial management, and assistance with job preparation, placement and retention.

Formula Description: Funds are allocated to the state based on a federal formula of the number of children living in out-of-home placement compared to other states, in the most recent fiscal year for which such information is available. The federal government pays 80% of the total amount of funds expended by the states (less any penalties). The state provides matching contributions to cover the additional 20% of the costs.

Program Supported / Population Served: foster care population.

93.778 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Program Description: Provides assistance to indigent and medically indigent individuals. The state's local departments of social services, and in some cases local health departments, determine Medicaid and Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program (MCHIP) eligibility.

DHR's federal fund portion reflects the administrative costs incurred for Medical Assistance eligibility determinations, and administrative and service costs incurred for certain health-related services provided to children in the custody and care of the State.

Formula Description:

1) Medicaid: 50% State General Funds; 50% Federal Medical Assistance Funds – Title XIX

2) Medicaid Eligibility Systems Operation; 75% Federal Medical Assistance Funds – Title XIX

3) MCHIP: 35% State General Funds; 65% Federal Medical Assistance Funds – Title XIX

Program Supported / Population Served: Medicaid; Children's Health Insurance Program

97.036 DISASTER GRANTS – PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PRESIDENTIALLY DECLARED DISASTERS)

Assistance in responding to and recovering from disaster for debris removal, emergency protective measures and the repair, restoration, reconstruction or replacement of public facilities or infrastructure damaged or destroyed as the result of a federally declared disaster or emergencies.