

On-Line Survey Results

The Center for Employment and Economic Supports/Systems Bureau recently conducted an online survey to elicit feedback regarding two proposals. We received responses from every district, and are basing our decisions on the tabulated results.

The first proposal was for a WMS edit to generate an error for all TA payment authorizations over a Statewide threshold amount. The proposed edit would be in addition to the daily BICS advisory reports of TA payments that exceed a district-specific amount. The default amount for the BICS advisory is \$999.99, but many districts have set their threshold at a higher amount so that routine high-shelter payments are not inflating the advisory reports to an unmanageable size. Fifty-three percent of individual respondents (51% of districts) requested that no WMS edit be added. Proponents as well as opponents of the proposed edit cited the significant volume of correct payments that exceed \$1000. Those who opposed any edit cited the administrative burden of overriding WMS “errors” for authorizations that are data-entered correctly, and the risk for delaying authorizations. Based on the responses, we will not pursue a WMS payment amount edit at this time. Districts are reminded that they should review the daily BICS advisory reports and that they may increase their high-payment threshold amount for those reports.

The second proposal was to discontinue the annual printing of WMS non-services codes on cardstock. The codes are updated at least three times per year and are available online. Reliance on the annual cardstock versions risks using outdated information. Ninety-one percent of individual respondents (60% of districts) agreed, and we will discontinue printing WMS code cards. To access current codes, districts may use the following link:

[WMS Code Card Index](#)

Thank you to all who participated in the survey and provided information about potential impacts on your agency’s operations. We welcome your ideas and insights.