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**Prevention Contract Correspondence Transmittal**

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| <b>Issuance: Division of Prevention and Community Well-Being, Dr. Jennifer Thornhill, Assistant Director</b> |  |
| <b>Key Words/Phrases: TANF citizenship/immigration status requirements</b>                                   |   |
| <b>Attachments/Forms:</b>  |   |

The purpose of this Prevention Contract Correspondence Transmittal (PCCT) is to provide updated guidance to contracted providers regarding President Trump's Executive Order 14218 regarding provisions and federal regulations concerning restrictions on permitting illegal/undocumented individuals to obtain cash or noncash federal public benefits.

TANF funds are limited to American citizens and qualified permanent residents. Illegal/undocumented individuals are not American citizens or qualified permanent residents and are not eligible for TANF benefits. TANF agencies are responsible for ensuring staff, sub-recipients, and clients referred to TANF funded services follow all applicable laws related to the use of TANF funds, including prohibitions against providing benefits to illegal/undocumented individuals. TANF agencies are responsible for verifying citizenship/permanent residency status, relationship, income, identity and residency of potential individuals referred for services that utilize TANF funds. Violating federal regulations through misuse may result in penalties, including repayment of misused funds or up to 5% of the state TANF award.

**Prior to invoicing, providers should notify the Division of Prevention and Community Well-Being and Prevention and Evidence-Based Practices branch of families they will be serving with TANF. Providers should provide this listing monthly to Family Preservation and Reunification Specialist, Angela Blankenship, by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Division or branch specialists will review citizenship and immigration status to determine eligibility and notify the provider agency if the family is eligible for TANF funded services.**

If you have any questions regarding this guidance, please contact Assistant Director, Dr. Jennifer Thornhill at [Jennifer.Thornhill@ky.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Thornhill@ky.gov), Branch Manager, Charity Roberts [Charity.Roberts@ky.gov](mailto:Charity.Roberts@ky.gov) or Family Preservation and Reunification Social Service Specialist, Angela Blankenship at [Angela.Blankenship@ky.gov](mailto:Angela.Blankenship@ky.gov).