

# **Benefits and Services for Families Leaving Welfare for Work**

## **LEAVING WELFARE TO WORK DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR OTHER BENEFITS!**

This flyer will help you take advantage of benefits available when you stop receiving cash assistance



### **Extended Medical Assistance**

Most families whose cash assistance eligibility is ending due to an increase in earnings are still eligible for Medical Assistance



**You are automatically entitled to an additional 6 months of Medical Assistance, if:**

- your family has received 3 months of cash assistance in the past 6 months; and
- your family still has a child under 18 years old in the home
- your family is ineligible for TANF due to earnings from employment

After the first 6 months, you are entitled to **another 6 months of Medical Assistance, if:**

- your family's income is less than 185% of the federal poverty guidelines after childcare expenses are deducted (A family of 3-\$2714; of 4-\$3269; of 5-\$3824)

After this extended period of coverage, most children will remain eligible for Medical Assistance, either through Healthy Beginnings or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)



### **Extended Food Stamps**

Families leaving cash assistance with earnings are eligible for food stamps for an additional five months at the same amount they received before they left cash assistance, regardless of income.



After 5 months, many families will still be eligible for food stamps, even if they are working. In order to be eligible for food stamps after the five month period, your family's income must be less than 130% of the federal poverty income guidelines. (Family of 3-\$1907; family of 4-\$2297; family of 5-\$2687)

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