

READ THIS LETTER - IT IS ABOUT A CHANGE IN TA

This letter is to tell you of changes to how and where you may use your Temporary Assistance (TA) electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card. It also reminds you of the purpose of TA.

It will be illegal for you to use the TA EBT card at liquor stores, casinos, gambling casinos, gaming establishments, adult oriented entertainment, or any places or for any item that is primarily marketed for or used by adults 18 or older and/or is not in the best interest of the child or household. It is also illegal to use the TA EBT card at an ATM in these places.

As of August 28, 2013, if you are found to have used your TA EBT card in one of those places or to buy items that are not in the best interest of the child or household such as lottery tickets, alcohol, or tobacco products you will have to pay it back.

The TA program provides cash so people can care for children in their home. TA is not approved or continued unless the benefits are used to meet the needs of the child (ren).

If you misuse TA, the cash could be paid to someone else. It could be paid directly to someone like your landlord or to a protective payee. Having a protective payee means the TA EBT card goes to a relative or friend who will spend the TA on the needs of the child (ren). You would not be able to use the TA EBT card anymore.

Misuse of TA means you spend it for things that do not meet the needs of the child (ren). If you use the TA EBT card:

- \* to buy alcohol,
- \* to buy tobacco,
- \* to buy illegal drugs,
- \* at an adult store (i.e., adult bookstore, adult video store, or strip club),
- \* to gamble (i.e. casinos, bingo),
- \* or any places or for any item that is primarily marketed for or used by adults eighteen or older and/or is not in the best interest of the child or household, you are misusing TA.