TO: Wisconsin Works Agency Directors

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RE: Statewide Implementation of Wisconsin Works (W-2) Expanded Noncustodial Parent Services

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to provide information on statewide implementation of the Trial Employment Match Program (TEMP) and stipend payments for noncustodial parents (NCPs).

BACKGROUND

On March 1, 2016, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) announced implementation of the W-2 TEMP and Expanded Services for NCPs as a pilot. TEMP is a W-2 employment position that provides up to six months of subsidized employment. TEMP is available to both custodial parents (CPs) and NCPs. In addition, NCPs may receive a stipend payment for up to four months for participation in specific W-2 activities.

On January 1, 2018, DCF announced expansion of CP TEMP statewide to make subsidized employment available to a larger number of potentially eligible CPs and improve engagement and employment outcomes for CPs. NCP TEMP and stipends continued as a pilot in Dane, Marathon, and Milwaukee counties.

STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION

In an effort to make subsidized employment and stipends available to a larger number of potentially eligible NCPs, DCF is now expanding NCP TEMP and stipends statewide.

Effective January 1, 2019, NCP TEMP and stipends are available in all 72 Wisconsin counties. Administration of NCP TEMP and stipends are included in the 2019 W-2 and Related Programs
Contract Scope of Work, Section I. K. The 2019 contract includes funding for NCP TEMP and stipend administration and service costs.

Administration costs reported on the following SPARC codes will be reimbursed through SPARC Contract Code 2510:
- 2512 Noncustodial Parent TEMP and Stipends Administration.

Service costs reported on the following SPARC codes will be reimbursed through SPARC Contract Code 2520:
- 2524 Noncustodial Parent TEMP Subsidy;
- 2525 Noncustodial Parent TEMP Job Development; and
- 2527 Noncustodial Parent Stipends.

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