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## **CHANGES**

Chapter 3

Ops Memo 11-17 has been incorporated into the following sections of Chapter 3:

- Sections 3.2.9.1: Adjusts the income disregard of federal income tax refunds
- Section 3.3.4: Creates a new section on asset disregard of federal income tax refunds

In addition, language has been updated throughout the manual to consistently use "disregarded" rather than "not count," "exempt" or "discounted." These changes were made for clarity and do not reflect a change in policy.

4.1.2 Assets have been added to the Eligibility Criteria Chart.

Chapter 12

Converted chapter to Robohelp. There are no policy changes to this chapter. However, to increase clarity, some sections have been reorganized and some language has been updated.

## Appendix - Activity Codes

New code TT (Technical College Study Time) from Operations Memo 11-18 has been added. Changes to the following codes announced in Operations Memo 11-18 have been made:

- JS (Job Skills Training); and
- TC (Technical College).

## Appendix – Immigration Status Documentation

This Appendix has been updated and its title changed to Non-citizen Eligibility Documentation.

## Glossary

Definitions added for Dropout, Habitual Truant, Public Holiday, Returning Dropout and Working Day.

Definition for Minor Parent expanded to include Learnfare definition.