**Section 117.11 Issuance of Cash Assistance Benefits**

a) Cash assistance benefits shall be issued to the payee via an electronic benefits payment file established by the Department through Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) (see section 408(a)(12)(B)(iii) of the Social Security Act (42 USC 608(a)(12)(B)(iii)). The payee may access the cash benefits at any participating Point-of-Sale (POS) terminal or Automated Teller Machine (ATM) except:

1) liquor stores (see section 408(a)(12)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act);

2) gambling casinos (see section 408(a)(12)(B)(ii) of the Social Security Act); or

3) retail establishments that provide adult entertainment involving disrobing or nudity.

b) If the client has a checking or savings account, the client may elect to have cash assistance benefits delivered via direct deposit to the financial institution where the client's account resides.

c) In circumstances where none of the above delivery options are available, a warrant for the cash assistance benefits will be delivered to the client's residence or other secure address, as selected by the client.

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