

# REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION/INTERPRETATION

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1. TYPE OF REQUEST:  Follow-up to Verbal Request - Date of Verbal Request: \_\_\_\_\_  Written Request

2. STATEMENT OF QUESTION OR ISSUE: I have been told that Individual Goods & Services (IGS) reinforcement tokens cannot be turned in for cash. I further have been informed from the Waiver Specialists that tokens cannot be turned in for gift certificates, which is considered same as cash. My question to you if tokens cannot be turned in for cash or gift certificates what can they be turned in for? In addition, instead of cash can tokens be used for merchandise/items at stores or would that be the same as cash as well? Just some direction would helpful.

Thanks,

Peter

References:

3. ANSWER: Tokens can be used for merchandise/items/cash as long as the cash is not out of the individual's cost plan. A provider's rates reimbursed retained earnings could be used as a reinforcer. Funds belonging to a provider that have been raised through a private foundation or independent charitable fund raising activities may also be utilized by a provider as a cash reinforcer. An outside funding source could also be used to purchase some of the individuals' basic necessities freeing up some of the individual's personal needs money, which could then be used as a cash reinforcer. There must be a behavior plan in place and the individual/guardian must approve the plan.

References:

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