

From the Hotline

- Q. A grandmother has been receiving TAFDC for herself and her grandchildren. The grandmother's TAFDC benefits are ending because she has received 24 months of time-limited benefits. She will continue to receive TAFDC for her grandchildren. Is she required to obtain legal custody or guardianship of the grandchildren to continue to receive TAFDC for them?
- A. No. The children continue to be eligible for TAFDC in an assistance unit headed by an ineligible, nonlegally-liable grantee. That grantee does not need to obtain legal custody or guardianship. See 106 CMR 203.200.
- Q. If a household receives severance pay in one payment, is it a nonrecurring lump sum payment for cash and/or food stamp purposes?
- A. A one-time severance package or pay would be considered a "non-recurring lump sum payment" and treated accordingly. For cash regulations, see 106 CMR 204.240. For food stamp regulations, see 106 CMR 363.230(I) and 363.103(E).
- Q. A TAFDC family in my caseload is in a shelter for victims of domestic violence and has been there for over 60 days. The grantee has found an apartment and she is requesting assistance to help with moving-in expenses. Is she eligible to receive the relocation benefit?
- A. Yes. The amount of the relocation benefit is \$750.00 and can be used to secure permanent housing for a TAFDC family who has been in a shelter for victims of domestic violence for 60 days or more. See 106 CMR 705.350.

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From the Forms File

Revised Forms

Reminder: AU Managers are reminded to discard the old version of any revised form and use the new revised form. Before ordering new forms, survey your needs and order only the amount you can reasonably expect to use.

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T-A34/36 (Rev. 11/2001)

Assignment of Support Rights, Cooperation with Child Support Enforcement Division, or Good Cause Claim

The revised T-A34/36 now includes a check box as an alert to indicate a history of Domestic Violence.

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TES-EPR-1 (Rev. 11/2001)

Emergency Placement Request

The revised TES-EPR-1 now inquires about family information and unique circumstances, for example, job location, medical issues and physical challenges. This information is used in both the initial motel/hotel placement and any requests for transfer. Refer to Field Operations Memo 2001-36 for more information.

