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To: Transitional Assistance Office Staff
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Re: New and Redefined Food Stamp Work Program Eligibility
Action Reason Codes

Background

To accurately monitor and track Food Stamp Work Program (FS/WP) cases, *Systems User's Guide Update 120* transmits revised Category 9 Eligibility Action Reasons.

- ◆ Action Reasons 05, 06 and 08 have been redefined.
- ◆ Action Reasons 07 and 11 have been added.

The pages from *Systems User's Guide Update 120* which contain the revised Action Reasons are attached.

These new codes are now operational and should be used ***immediately*** when coding new and reopened food stamp cases. Ongoing cases should be reviewed at the ***next recertification or during case maintenance activity*** and the coding changed, if appropriate.

Revised FS/WP procedures incorporating these new and redefined codes will be issued.

LOQC Special Project

For the past two months, LOQC has reviewed food stamp cases containing recipients age 18-50 to ensure correct Food Stamp Work Requirement coding.

LOQC will begin to visit TAOs to recode ongoing FS/WP cases across the state, when appropriate, using the new and redefined codes.

Questions

If you have any questions, please have your Hotline designee call the Policy Hotline at (617) 348-8478.

Action Reasons

Eligibility Codes for categories 2TA and 4 (cont.)

<i>Description</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Block(s)</i>	<i>Cat(s)</i>
- Dependent receiving TAFDC is temporarily absent, not to exceed 120 days without good cause	85	89 ^D /96 ^D	2TA

II. Eligibility Codes for category 9, Food Stamps, category 9, Program Code D Food Stamps and category 9, State Supplemental Food Stamps

- Former cash assistance cases that have been Devered, and Food Stamp Work Requirement status has not been determined	02	SG	9
- Begin PRISM matches	03	33/53/92 ^A	9
- Case approved for expedited food stamp benefits	03	33/53/92 ^A	9
- BSI referral - result of front-end detection	03	33/89 ^A	9
- Case or household member approved, exempt from the Food Stamp Work Program	04	33/53/92 ^A	9
- Case or household member approved, Food Stamp Work Program 60-day Job/Community Service Search Period	05	33/53/92 ^A	9
- Case or household member approved, subject to Food Stamp Work Program and working 20 hours	06	33/53/92 ^A	9
- Case or household member approved, subject to Food Stamp Work Program and performing Community Service for 20 hours or combination work and Community Service for 20 hours	07	33/53/92 ^A	9

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Eligibility Codes for category 9, Food Stamps (cont.)

<i>Description</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Block(s)</i>	<i>Cat(s)</i>
- Case or household member approved, documented good cause for not participating in the Food Stamp Work Program	08	33/53/92 ^A	9
- Case or household member approved, regained Food Stamp eligibility and subject to the Food Stamp Work Program	09	33/53/92 ^A	9
- Case or household member approved, eligible for the Food Stamp Work Program loss of employment exception	10	33/53/92 ^A	9
- Case or household member approved, Food Stamp Work Program 60-day Disability Verification Period	11	33/53/92 ^A	9
- Case or household member approved, exempt from the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program	13	33/53/92 ^A	9
- Case or household member approved, subject to the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program	14	33/53/92 ^A	9
- Case or household member approved, good cause for not participating in the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program	15	33/53/92 ^C	9