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To: Transitional Assistance Office Staff
From: Joyce Sampson, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations
Re: EAEDC Family Policy Changes - State Letter 1145

Background

EAEDC Family exemptions from DET registration and Transitional Employment for Massachusetts Parents (TEMP) participation referenced AFDC regulations at 106 CMR 307.110. As a result of the elimination of AFDC regulations (State Letter 1145) we needed to make a change to EAEDC Family regulations. The EAEDC Family exemptions and good cause reasons now mirror TAFDC.

Introduction

State Letter 1145 made the following changes to EAEDC Family regulations:

- added new regulations regarding exemptions (106 CMR 320.425) and good cause reasons (106 CMR 320.430) from the work registration and TEMP requirements;
 - changed both the exemption and good cause reason cites in 106 CMR 320.400: Family and 106 CMR 320.420: Transitional Employment for Massachusetts Parents (TEMP) to the new regulations cited above; and
 - changed the requirement that an EAEDC Family individual between ages 18 and 65 must register at DET to an individual between ages 18 and 59 because one of the exemptions is "age 60 or older."
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**Verifying
Exemptions and
Good Cause**

With the exception of the EAEDC Family disability exemption, the verifications are similar to those of TAFDC exemption regulations.

The verifications required for a specific:

- exemption from DET registration or TEMP participation are found at 106 CMR 320.425; and
 - good cause reason from DET registration or TEMP participation are found at 106 CMR 320.430.
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**Change in Family
Disability
Exemption
Verification
Process**

The disability determination process for an EAEDC Family individual who requests a disability exemption from DET registration or from TEMP participation has changed. He or she is now subject to the same disability determination process that an EAEDC Disabled individual must follow with the exceptions stated below. The requirements are found at 106 CMR 320.200.

Exceptions: An EAEDC Disabled individual is ineligible if the doctor states the duration is less than 60 days. An EAEDC Family individual meets the disability exemption when the doctor states the duration is less than 60 days.

CAT TYPES "U," "W" and "X" must not be used for an EAEDC Family case. CAT TYPE "F" must always be used.

**PACES Action
Reasons and
PRISM Alerts**

There are no changes to the EAEDC eligibility action reasons as a result of this change.

Note: An EAEDC Family individual who meets an exemption or has a good cause reason should be coded as action reason 07 in blocks 33 and 89 for dependent 00 and in block 89 only for the other adult dependent.

There are no changes to the PRISM alerts as a result of this change.

Questions

If you have any questions, please have your Hotline designee call the Policy Hotline at (617) 348-8478. Systems questions should be directed to Customer Support Services at (617) 348-5290.
