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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From: Anne O'Sullivan, Assistant Commissioner for Policy, Program and External Relations
Re: TAFDC and SNAP: Federal Poverty Guidelines - *Updated for 2015*

Overview

The federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG), updated for 2015, are published in the Federal Register.

DTA uses the FPG to calculate the eligibility standards for the TAFDC and SNAP programs as follows:

- TAFDC: *Income from the Parent(s) of a Teen Parent Under Age 18* (200 percent of the poverty guidelines); and
- SNAP: *Gross Monthly Categorical Eligibility Income Standards* (200 percent of the poverty guidelines).

The TAFDC and SNAP eligibility charts and tables affected by the FPG are posted at www.mass.gov/dta. To view the standards, select the *Program Eligibility Charts and Tables* link under Key Resources.

BEACON Update Effective February 1, 2015, BEACON will use the new standard amounts in the eligibility calculation for the aforementioned TAFDC and SNAP eligibility standards.

**New BEACON
Online Guide
Book and Page**

The following Online Guide book and page have been added to the Scheduled Mailing/Projects topic:

Topic: Scheduled Mailing/Projects

Book: Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)

Page: TAFDC and SNAP: Federal Poverty Guidelines

Questions

If you have any questions, please have your Hotline designee call the Policy Hotline.
