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**Online Guide Transmittal 2018-1  
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**To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff**  
**From:  Paul Sutliff, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations**  
**Re: Cross Programs: 2018 Social Security COLA for TAFDC, EAEDC and SNAP**

**Overview**

Every year the Social Security Administration (SSA) implements a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for RSDI and SSI recipients. This COLA can affect TAFDC, EAEDC and SNAP benefits. The Online Guide changes advise staff about:

- the implementation of the SSA COLA;
- the notices that will be sent to the affected households; and
- information on the 2018 Medicare Part B premiums, 2018 Medicare Part D deductibles and the 2018 Medex premiums.

COLA calculations for February 2018 will be completed on the following schedule:

- Social Security numbers ending in 0-5 will be completed from 1/19/2018 through 1/21/2018.
- Social Security numbers ending in 6-9 will be completed from 1/26/2018 through 1/28/2018.

**Important:** All CAP and SNAP Senior applications generated after 1/22/2018 will be tagged to receive an SSA CAP or SNAP only COLA Notice advising clients to contact SAO (Senior Assistance Office) for any assistance or accommodation.

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**Questions**

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email the DTA Mailbox.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.

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