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**Online Guide Transmittal 2018-2
January 19, 2018**

To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From:  Paul Sutliff, Assistant Commissioner for Programs and Field Operations
Re: TAFDC and SNAP: The 2018 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Overview

Each year, updates to the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) are published in the Federal Register by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Once the FPGs are published, BEACON is programmed to use new eligibility standards when calculating income eligibility for TAFDC teen parents under age 18 living with a parent, and the gross monthly income test for categorically eligible SNAP households.

The applicable TAFDC and SNAP program eligibility charts and tables posted on the DTA website will also be updated at:
<https://www.mass.gov/lists/dta-program-eligibility-charts-and-tables>

Purpose

The purpose of this Transmittal is to:

- advise staff that the 2018 FPGs were published January 18, 2018; and
 - direct staff to the updated Online Guide page.
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**Updated Online
Guide Page**

Topic: Scheduled Mailing/Projects

Book: Federal Poverty Guidelines

Page: TAFDC and SNAP: Federal Poverty Guidelines

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.
