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**Online Guide Transmittal 2020-12
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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From: Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: TAFDC and SNAP: The 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Overview

Each year the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), updates to the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) which are published in the Federal Register. Once they are published, BEACON is programmed to use new guidelines when calculating income eligibility for:

- TAFDC teen parents under age 18 living with a parent;
- the gross monthly income test for clients utilizing the 100% Earned Income Disregard; and
- categorically eligible SNAP households

The applicable TAFDC and SNAP program eligibility charts and tables posted on the DTA website have been updated at:

<https://www.mass.gov/lists/dta-program-eligibility-charts-and-tables>

Purpose

The purpose This transmittal advises staff about the following changes to the Online Guide:

- new FPGs which took effect February 1, 2020; and
 - updated Online Guide pages.
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**Revised Online
Guide Pages**

Topic: TAFDC
Book: Financial Requirements
Chapter: Need and Payment Standards
Page: Need and Payment Standards

Topic: TAFDC
Book: Employment
Chapter: Income Disregards and Deductions
Page: The 100% Earned Income Disregard 200% FPL Test

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 Procedural Mailbox.

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