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**Online Guide Transmittal 2020-8  
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**To:** Department of Transitional Assistance Staff  
**From:**  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management  
**Re:** Cross Programs: 2020 Social Security COLA for TAFDC, EAEDC and SNAP

**Overview**

Every year in January, the Social Security Administration (SSA) implements a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for RSDI and SSI recipients. This year the COLA increase is 1.6%. 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 2020 Medicare B premiums, 2020 Medicare D deductibles and the 2020 Medex premiums.

COLA calculations for February 2020 are anticipated to be completed on the following schedule:

- Social Security numbers ending in 0-4 will be completed from 1/22/2020 through 1/24/2020;
- Social Security numbers ending in 5-8 will be completed from 1/27/2020 through 1/28/2020; and
- Social Security numbers ending in 9 will be completed on 2/3/2020.

**Revised Online  
Guide Pages**

**Topic:** SNAP  
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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 Procedural Mailbox.

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

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