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**Online Guide Transmittal 2021-10
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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From:  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: TAFDC and SNAP: The 2021 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, the gross monthly income test for clients for 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 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 about the following changes to the Online Guide:

- FPGs were published February 1, 2021; 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% of the
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 them to DTA.Procedural Issues.

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