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**Online Guide Transmittal 2021-3**  
**January 5, 2021**

**To:** Department of Transitional Assistance Staff  
**From:**  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management  
**Re:** TAFDC & EAEDC: Grant Increase

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**Overview**

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, a 10% increase has been authorized to the TAFDC and EAEDC need and payment standards effective January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. BEACON is programmed to use the new need payment standards when calculating eligibility and grant payments for TAFDC and EAEDC households beginning with the January benefits cycle.

The applicable TAFDC and EAEDC program eligibility charts and tables posted on the DTA website at: <https://www.mass.gov/lists/dta-program-eligibility-charts-and-tables> were updated on January 1, 2021.

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**Purpose**

This transmittal advises staff about the following:

- Publishing the new need and payment standards for TAFDC and EAEDC; 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

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**Obsoleted  
Transmittals**

This Online Guide Transmittal obsoletes 2021-1: TAFDC & EAEDC: Grant Increase

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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 them to DTA.Procedural Issues.

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

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