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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From: Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: Cross Programs: Revised Procedures for Refugee Assistance Payments

Overview

On July 13, 2022, the Department issued Online Guide Transmittal 2022-55 Cross Programs: Refugee Assistance Payments. This transmittal advised that qualifying noncitizens present in the US could be eligible for cash assistance payments administered by the Office for Refugees and Immigrants (ORI). The transmittal and relevant online guide page provided guidance on the treatment of the various types of ORI income, including Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA). Since this release, the Department has learned of a subset of clients who may be eligible for RCA where additional guidance is needed regarding the treatment of retroactive payments.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff that retroactive RCA Payments made to pregnant women after they have become eligible for TAFDC is to be disregarded income for TAFDC purposes.

**Revised Online
Guide Page**

Topic: Refugee Assistance Payments
Book: Cross Program
Chapter: Income
Sub Chapter: Unearned Income
Page: Refugee Assistance Payments

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.
