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**Online Guide Transmittal 2023-13  
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**To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff**  
**From: Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management**  
**Re: Cross Programs: Social Security COLA for TAFDC, EAEDC, and SNAP**

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**Overview**

Every year in January, the Social Security Administration (SSA) implements a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients. This COLA can affect TAFDC, EAEDC and SNAP benefits. COLA calculations for February 2023 DTA benefits are anticipated to be completed on the following schedule:

- Social Security numbers ending in 0-6 will be completed from 1/21/23-1/22/23; and
- Social Security numbers ending in 7-9 will be completed from 1/28/23-1/29/23.

This year, the SSA COLA will increase RSDI and SSI income by 8.7 percent and Medicare Part B premiums, Medicare Part D deductibles and the Medex premiums are being adjusted.

The households impacted by the SSA COLA change will be sent a notice.

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff of:

- the implementation of the SSA COLA;
  - the notices that will be sent to the impacted households;
  - information on the 2023 Medicare Part B premiums, 2023 Medicare Part D deductibles and the 2023 Medex premiums; and
  - corresponding updates to the Online Guide.
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**Revised Online  
Guide Update**

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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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