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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff

From: Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management

Re: Cross Program: Updates to P-EBT Expungement Restoration Requests

**Overview** 

For more efficient processing of P-EBT Expungement Restoration Requests, the Department has made enhancements to the P-EBT Restoration Requests functionality in BEACON.

A message indicator has been added to the P-EBT Expunged Benefit Restoration Requests page to inform staff that they must select all available records when processing a restoration request. Records older than 180 days are not eligible for restoration approval. The system will not allow a request to be submitted unless all records are selected.

In addition, a new "Restoration" column has been added to the P-EBT Benefit History page and Benefit History page of a DTA client's Electronic Case Folder (ECF). This column identifies-restored P-EBT benefits. Benefits that have been restored will have a "Y" in the Restoration column. Restored Economic Assistance (EA) benefits will not display "Y" in the Restoration column.

There has also been a one-time data fix that automatically entered a P-EBT batch narrative for Non-DTA clients that had a P-EBT expungement from March 22, 2022 through June 13, 2022. These individuals did not have a P-EBT expungement narrative entered in their case record at the time the expungement occurred.

## **Purpose**

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

- of updates made to the P-EBT expungement restoration process;
- of updates made to the new Restoration column on the P-EBT Benefit History page and the Benefit History page for DTA clients; and
- of the data fix that will automatically input a P-EBT expungement narrative for cases with expungements between March 22, 2022 and June 13, 2022.

## Revised Online Guide Pages

**Topic:** COVID-19 **Book:** P-EBT

**Page:** P-EBT Expunged Benefit Restoration Requests

**Topic:** COVID-19 **Book:** P-EBT

**Page:** P-EBT Functionality in BEACON

## 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 <u>DTA.Procedural Issues</u>.

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