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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From:  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: Cross Program: Revised Procedures for Battered Noncitizens

Overview

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has issued updated guidance on who is eligible to file self-petitions under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

While these updated practices do not change who is eligible for DTA benefits as a battered noncitizen, additional guidance is being provided to assist staff in determining eligibility for TAFDC, EAEDC, and SNAP.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to provide staff with updated guidance for battered noncitizens.

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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.
