Shelter Continues for Six Months When Income Exceeds EA Eligibility Standard

EA Field Operations Memo 2004-39A Field Operations Memo 2004-39B

EA AUs who become financially ineligible because the family's income exceeds the EA Eligibility Standard will not be terminated from EA but will continue receiving shelter benefits for a period of six months from the date the EA Eligibility Standard was exceeded unless the EA AU becomes ineligible for another reason. The extended six-month period provides the EA AU with time to find permanent housing and save money before the EA AU's shelter benefits stop. During the six months:

- income that exceeds the EA Eligibility Standard must be escrowed;
- the EA Six-Month Transition Plan form must be reviewed monthly;
- proof of the escrowed monies must be provided;
- activities on the Self-Sufficiency Plans must be met.

EA AUs are described by the SubType. A regular EA AU is SubType **EA Regular**, and an active EA AU whose income exceeds the EA Eligibility Standard is SubType **EA Six Months**. The SubType **Column** is found on several Views and windows.

Once the EA AU becomes SubType **EA Six Months**, a change in income or circumstances will not result in the EA AU being changed back to **EA Regular**. If a hearing decision requires a change or the EA AU's financial eligibility was incorrectly calculated, then the TAO director/designee authorizes the change back to the **EA Regular** SubType.

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SSN Match Verification Process for Noncitizens

TAFDC, FS <u>A User's Guide: Transitional Assistance Programs and BEACON: Update 055</u>

Field Operations Memo 2004-34 issued procedures for processing noncitizens who choose not to apply for benefits. This User's Guide Update transmits the SSN Match Verification process for these noncitizens.

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Transportation to Shelters

EA EA User's Guide: Emergency Assistance, SSI Special Benefits and BEACON: Update 019

Transportation services through TransAction Associates will be provided to EA families when there is no private or public transportation available to the EA families. Services are available when the family is being placed in a shelter or being transferred from one shelter to another shelter.

An updated EA-TRANS (Rev. 10/2004) replaces the current EA-TRANS (Rev. 3/2003).

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