

FYI

TAFDC for Applicants and Recipients with Ineligible Dependent Children

A TAFDC applicant or recipient whose only dependent child is ineligible for TAFDC due to his or her noncitizen status, is eligible to receive TAFDC as an AU of one, providing the grantee is otherwise eligible for TAFDC. In a two-parent AU, both parents are eligible if both parents are otherwise eligible for TAFDC. This month's "From the Hotline" column contains a Q & A correction on this topic.

A policy clarification will be issued.

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Types of Non-Countable Reimbursements and Income

As a result of a recent Quality Control error, AU Managers are reminded that pay information can vary greatly and requires careful review. In some instances, the gross pay listed contains reimbursements that may be non-countable and should be disregarded from the gross income. These reimbursements can be for past or future expenses, and may be for travel, uniforms and transportation costs to and from a job or training site. They may be disregarded to the extent that they do not exceed the actual expense incurred and do not represent a gain or benefit to the AU. In the TAFDC and EAEDC programs, these non-countable reimbursements are for educational and/or training expenses only. For details on excluded reimbursements, see 106 CMR 204.250(I) (TAFDC), 106 CMR 321.250(I) (EAEDC) and 106 CMR 363.230(F) (Food Stamps).

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and flexible credits are also types of non-countable income. The EITC is considered as a countable asset for TAFDC (106 CMR 204.120(I)) and EAEDC (106 CMR 321.120(I)) and as a non-recurring lump sum payment countable as an asset in the month received for the Food Stamp Program (106 CMR 363.230(I)). Flexible credits have previously been discussed in an FYI in *Transitions* in January 2006.

Questions related to reimbursements or other types of non-countable income should be referred to the Policy Hotline.

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Verifications Due View

The Daily Priority Actions group consists of 16 views that must be reviewed each day by the AU Manager to ensure timely follow-up. These activities are critical to accurate AU processing. One of the Daily Priority Actions is the Verifications Due view; this view is particularly important to AU Managers unfamiliar with an AU, as it identifies applicants and recipients who have outstanding verifications and outstanding external agency match information. This view also provides the date the verification checklist or external match-related letter was sent, and the date the verifications or external match information are due. AU Managers are reminded to use this view to see if there are any outstanding verifications or if there is any unresolved match information for an AU.

