

FYI

Food Stamp Household Expenses

The Landlord Verification form and the Shared Housing Verification form are the preferred methods of verifying information on landlord/tenant and shared housing arrangements; however, food stamp regulations provide that verification cannot be limited to a single type of document. The AU Manager must accept alternative forms of verification if provided. See 106 CMR 361.640.

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BT 58 SSNs Ending in "4"
Reconciliation
(11/9/01)

BT 58A AUs With SSNs ending
in "4" Reinstated On or
Before Friday 11/9
(11/14/01)

BT 59 Procedures for Chang-
ing Addresses and Pro-
ducing Correct Notices
(11/21/01)



Changes and Clarifications to TAFDC and EAEDC Regulations

TAFDC, EAEDC State Letter 1213

This State Letter transmits the following:

- Changes have been made to the TAFDC regulations to clarify which dependent child is sanctioned for failing to meet the Learnfare requirement.
- Youthbuild and Americorps allowances, earnings or payments to individuals participating in these programs are noncountable income for TAFDC and EAEDC.
- A drug felon must be included in the filing unit and he or she is entitled to the work-related expense deduction, dependent care deduction, and the \$30 and one-third or \$30 and one-half disregard of earned income. The regulations also include three additional groups of ineligible individuals who must be included in the filing unit.
- The first \$600 received as lump sum income was added to the EAEDC noncountable income section to reflect the regulations in the Lump Sum Income section.
- A grammatical clarification was made to the section on Limitation on Program Eligibility.

TAFDC: New Five-Year (60-Month) Period

TAFDC Field Operations Memo 2001-37

On 11/30/01, the five-year period ended for some recipients. These recipients began another five-year period effective 12/1/01. Because the five-year period is a "rolling" five-year period, not all recipients subject to this rule are eligible for a new five-year period at the same point.

This memo provides information and instructions on how to process current recipients and applicants who are subject to the new 60-month period.