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Field Operations Memo 2007-29 April 25, 2007

To:

Transitional Assistance Office Staff

From:

John Augeri, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations

Re:

EA Noncompliance Decisions and Notices

Overview

Since November 2006, the Noncompliance Committee has been completing and mailing the TES-WN-13 warning and NFL-ST termination notices. As instructed in Field Operations Memo 2006-50A, *Revision to the Notice of Approval, Denial or Termination for Emergency Assistance or Other Financial Services (NFL-9) and Procedures for Noncompliance Referrals and EA Notices*, upon rendering a decision, the Committee assumed the responsibility of completing and mailing the original and one copy of the TES-WN-13 or NFL-ST to the EA family. Concurrently, Central Field Operations has been faxing a copy of the notice and the Noncompliance Committee's decision to the appropriate AU Manager/ Homeless Coordinator for the case record.

Purpose of Memo

Friday, April 27, 2007, will be the last date the Noncompliance Committee will be responsible for completing and mailing the appropriate notice to the EA family. Instead, the AU Manager/Homeless Coordinator will be responsible for completing and mailing the TES-WN-13 and the NFL-ST notice to the EA family. The Noncompliance Committee will continue to be responsible for drafting the "Description of Incident(s)/Violation(s) and Date(s)" and indicating which EA family member(s) is involved and which box(es) to check.

Note: All notices must be completed online. The notices can be found in Policy Online in the Online forms folder.

Revised Noncompliance Procedures

The Noncompliance Committee will continue to fax the original noncompliance referral to the AU Manager/Homeless Coordinator with the Committee's decision, indicating which box(es) to check, which EA family member(s) is involved, and the "Description of the Incident(s)/Violation(s) and Date(s)." The "Description of the Incident(s)/Violation(s) and Date(s)" and the name(s) of the EA family member(s) involved will also be sent via email to the AU Manager/Homeless Coordinator with a cc: to the TAO Director. The AU Manager/Homeless Coordinator must copy and paste this information in the "Description of the Incident(s)/Violation(s) and Date(s)" field of either the TES-WN-13 or the NFL-ST notice.

Once the committee's decision is received, the AU Manager/Homeless Coordinator must:

- review the Committee's decision;
- complete the TES-WN-13 or NFL-ST notice as instructed;
- copy and paste, in the appropriate space, the exact language from the email:
- ensure that all appropriate box(es) on the notice are checked;
- print and sign the notice;
- mail the original and one copy of the TES-WN-13 or NFL-ST to the EA family; and **on the same day,**
- fax a copy of the TES-WN-13 or NFL-ST to Joyce Inserra at 617-348-5111.

Note: The NFL-ST must be sent at least 10 days in advance of the proposed shelter termination date. If the proposed termination date falls on a weekend or holiday, extend the termination date to the next workday.

Questions

If you have any questions, please have your Hotline designee call the Policy Hotline at 617-348-8478.