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Q. A teen parent in our office is planning to take the General Educational Development (GED) test next month. Can I issue a General Educational Development Voucher (ESP-29) to the teen to cover the cost of this test?

- A. Yes. A TAFDC recipient scheduled to take the GED test, may be issued a GED voucher. You should complete and sign the General Educational Development Voucher (ESP-29) and have your recipient sign and take the form to an official GED test center. At the GED test center, the voucher is given to a GED test administrator who will sign the voucher, schedule the recipient for the test and send an invoice to DTA's Central Office for payment. If the recipient fails this five- part, basic GED test or any part or parts of the test, this voucher also will cover the retest(s).
- Q. I received a TAFDC application from a man who is working and applying for his stepson only. The TAFDC AU includes only one individual. The stepson's mother is not living with the applicant and his stepson. How is the stepfather's income treated?
- A. The earned income in this AU is not counted. The stepfather is not the natural or adoptive parent of the dependent child, not the spouse of a parent living in the home and is not requesting to be a part of the AU. If at some point, the stepfather asks to become a member of the AU, his income and assets would be countable. Refer to 106 CMR 204.210(D), 204.305, 204.310 and 204.320 for more information on this topic.

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