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**Online Guide Transmittal 2021-65  
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**To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff**  
**From:  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management**  
**Re: Cross Programs: IVR and Telephonic Signature Updates**

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**Overview**

Following the May 2021 implementation of the telephonic signature line and the concurrent updates to the IVR system, staff have asked various follow-up questions.

In response to this feedback, we have made additional updates to the Online Guide regarding telephonic signature and IVR. These updates address issues such as using the correct keypad, handling dropped calls, combining telephonic signatures for different forms, difficulty creating conference calls, authentication problems, and more.

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff of updates to the Online Guide in response to staff's feedback regarding telephonic signature and IVR.

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**New Online  
Guide Pages**

<b>Topic:</b>	Cross Program
<b>Book:</b>	Telephonic Signature
<b>Page:</b>	Telephonic Signature Q and A

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**Revised Online  
Guide Pages**

**Topic:** EAEDC  
**Book:** Living Arrangement  
**Page:** Verifications

**Topic:** Cross Programs  
**Book:** Telephonic Signature  
**Chapter:** Telephonic Signature

**Topic:** Cross Programs  
**Book:** Verifications  
**Chapter:** Verification Methods  
**Page:** Self-Declarations

**Topic:** Cross Programs  
**Book:** Verifications  
**Chapter:** Verification Types  
**Page:** Verification Chart

**Topic:** Business Process (BP)  
**Book:** Procedures  
**Chapter:** Phone Procedures  
**Page:** Receiving Calls in the Phone Queue

**Topic:** SNAP  
**Book:** Certification Types  
**Chapter:** Bay State CAP  
**Page:** Bay State CAP Recertification

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**Questions**

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email them to DTA.Procedural Issues.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.

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