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**Online Guide Transmittal 2021-80
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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From:  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: Cross Programs: Pandemic Funding Under the Chafee Foster Care Program (Chafee Program)

Overview

Under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood (Chafee program) received \$400 million in additional funding. Each state has flexibility in how their portion of the Chafee program funds are distributed to recipients. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has issued a one-time payment of these additional Chafee funds to eligible youth.

Pandemic payments received from the Chafee program are considered non-countable for SNAP, EAEDC and TAFDC.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff of a new online guide page regarding the Chafee Program.

**New Online
Guide Pages**

Book: COVID-19
Page: Pandemic Funding Under the Chafee Foster Care Program (Chafee Program)

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.
