Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Department of Transitional Assistance

Online Guide Transmittal 2022-83
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To: **Department of Transitional Assistance Staff**

From: **Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management**

Re: **Cross Program: Revised COVID-19 Procedures for Disability Verification Process, Phase 2**

Overview

As the department continues its phased implementation of permanent procedures regarding the verification and support of clients with disabilities, a number of new changes are scheduled to take effect on Friday, November 4, 2022. These changes are a result of feedback received by staff regarding the *EAEDC Medical Provider Statement* form as well as systems updates to better support program requirements.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff of:

- new BEACON closing and denial reasons,

- corresponding notices have been created,

- updates to the *EAEDC Medical Provider Statement* form,

- the resumption of the SSI application and appeal requirements for certain EAEDC clients, and

- corresponding notices have been revised

Key Changes

To ensure clarity for staff and clients, two new closing and denial reasons have been created: 'Medical provider form States Not Disabled' and 'Medical provider form not returned'.

Additionally, the *EAEDC Medical Provider Statement* has been revised to emphasize the important sections on the form to better ensure that it is returned with the required information and signatures. The release of information portion of the form will now display in Spanish for clients with that language listed on BEACON.

The requirement for EAEDC applicants and clients who appear to meet SSA eligibility must apply for SSI and appeal SSI denials as a condition of EAEDC eligibility.

Revised Online Guide Pages

Book: COVID-19
Page: EAEDC COVID Procedures for Disability Verification Process

Book: COVID-19
Page: Temporary COVID-19 Verification Procedures

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.