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**Operations Memo 2014-56
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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff

From: *AS*
AN Anne O'Sullivan, Acting Assistant Commissioner for Policy, Program and External Relations

Re: TAFDC and EAEDC – Welfare Reform: Work Related Expense Change

Overview As part of the recent welfare reform legislation, the work related expense (WRE) used in the benefit calculation for working TAFDC and EAEDC clients has changed effective with September's grants.

Purpose of Memo This Operations Memo provides staff with the new WRE for TAFDC and EAEDC. This change is effective for September grant calculations.

New Work Related Expense Amount As a result of the recent welfare reform legislation, the WRE used in the calculation of grants for working TAFDC and EAEDC clients has increased from \$90 to \$150. This change takes effect for the September grant calculations.

Case Manager Responsibilities No case manager action is required to institute the change for the work related expense.

However, if working clients call asking why their grant has increased, please review the Financial tab on the Results tab of the Electronic Case Folder with them and explain that the grant calculation includes the increased work related expense.

State Letter

A State Letter addressing these and all other welfare reform-related changes will be issued in the future.

Questions

If you have any questions, please have your Hotline designee call the Policy Hotline.
