

## From the Hotline

- Q. Do we count the first \$600.00 of a lump sum payment received by an EAEDC recipient?
- A. No. The first \$600 of lump sum income is noncountable in the month of receipt in the EAEDC program; any portion exceeding the \$600 amount is countable as lump sum income in the month of receipt. See 106 CMR 321.240.
- Q. Can we authorize child care for a teen parent's child if the teen parent is in foster care?
- A. Yes. A teen parent in foster care who receives TAFDC for his or her child(ren), and who needs child care to attend high school or a GED program full-time, is eligible for child care. See 106 CMR 207.210.
- Q. An applicant purchased a \$3,000.00 diamond ring just prior to application. Do we count the value of the ring as an asset?
- A. Yes. If cash or other assets are *converted* into different assets just prior to application and the applicant receives fair market value for them, then the applicant still has the asset and may be denied for excess countable assets. If an applicant converts cash into other assets just prior to application to achieve eligibility, his or her assets may not be considered exempt without evidence of personal significance or sentimental value.

There are three issues that should be considered in determining whether an asset is countable or noncountable as a personal belonging:

- (1) personal significance or sentimental value of the object,
- (2) monetary value, and
- (3) relationship of time of purchase to the time of application.



## From the Forms File

### Revised Forms

AU Managers are reminded to discard the older versions of any revised form and use the revised form.

*13-220-0101-05*

*TES-EPR-1 (Rev. 1/2001)*

*Emergency Placement Request*

The revised TES-EPR-1 now collects information about a hotel/motel placement beyond 15 miles from the EA AU's last permanent address. Refer to *EA Reference Guide*, Chapter 3 for more information.

**The following two forms are now available in Spanish.**

*02-738-1200-05 (S)*

*24-EXAGR (S) (Rev. 12/2000)*

*Extension Agreement*

*18-054-1200-05 (S)*

*AL-1 (S) (Rev. 12/00)*

*Appointment Letter*

### Revised Flyers

*18-300-0101-05*

*18-301-0101-05 (S)*

*18-302-0101-05*

*EIC-1*

*Give Your Paycheck a Boost!*

These three Earned Income Credit (EIC) flyers have been updated to reflect the year 2000 tax information. They should be placed in TAO reception areas.

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