

## From the Hotline

- Q.** I have a food stamp client who moved to Massachusetts from New Hampshire. He is a Food Stamp Work Program required individual but I don't know how to determine if he has used up his three months of non-participation with the Food Stamp Work Program. How can I make this determination?
- A.** Although the Food Stamp Program is national, you are only responsible for determining the client's non-participation limit of three months out of 36 months *within Massachusetts borders*. There is currently no system that can track work program requirement activity from state to state. Regulations concerning the work program requirement and the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program requirement are found in 106 CMR 362.300, 362.310 and 362.320.
- Q.** A mother came into our office applying for TAFDC for herself. Her daughter is receiving SSI. She holds a joint bank account with her daughter that exceeds our \$2,500.00 asset limit. I was going to deny the application, but the mother claims the account was established by her for the sole and exclusive purpose of providing for her daughter. The account contains SSI retroactive payments to her SSI child. Although the mother has *access* to these funds, she claims this is a "dedicated account" and that the money is not actually *owned* by her. She also claims that should she use these funds on expenses that are not related to her daughter's illness, SSA would pursue the matter of misuse with my client. Can I approve this application as the client has access but not ownership of this "dedicated" SSI account?
- A.** Yes. "Dedicated" accounts may be established for certain retroactive SSI funds. No other funds may be deposited into these accounts and none of the funds belong to the parent of the SSI child. By law, your applicant may only use these funds for specific items and services related to her daughter's illness. As long as your client can verify through SSA that these restrictions on the "dedicated" SSI account exist and she is otherwise eligible, you can approve this TAFDC application.



## From the Forms File

### **Revised Forms**

AU Managers are reminded to discard the old version of any form and use the new revised form.

The following four forms were revised to include the 90-day appeal time limit. Refer to Field Operations Memo 2002-14 for more information.

**13-040-0602-05**

**13-044-0602-05 (S)**

**TES-WN-1 (Rev. 6/2002)**

**Warning Notice of Noncompliance**

**13-041-0602-05**

**13-043-0602-05 (S)**

**TES-WN-2 (Rev. 6/2002)**

**Warning Notice of Noncompliance/Temporary Emergency Shelter Placement**

**02-202-0602-05**

**02-204-0602-05 (S)**

**TES-TR-1 (Rev. 6/2002)**

**Notice of Shelter Transfer**

**02-280-0602-05**

**02-281-0602-05 (S)**

**TES-TR-3 (Rev. 6/2002)**

**Notice of Transfer Due to Shelter Termination**

