

FYI

Curing Sanctions and Child Care

This is a reminder that sanctioned TAFDC individuals are eligible to receive child care to comply with ESP participation requirements. If an individual has been sanctioned, Transitional Assistance Workers can authorize child care if the individual is unable to cure the sanction without receiving child care.

For example, if a teen parent sanctioned for failure to meet the school attendance requirements cannot return to school without receiving child care, child care should be authorized for this teen parent.

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Online Food Stamp Household Composition Desk Guide

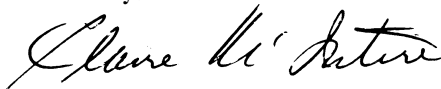
The Food Stamp Household Composition Desk Guide is now available online. To access this guide select Desk Guides from the Policy Online Menu. Then click on Food Stamp Household Composition Desk Guide. This guide is a useful tool for determining the correct household composition in a food stamp case.

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This will allow staff to experience the training at a convenient time and to replay those areas which may be of particular concern. Policy and Procedure will make an online version of the Food Stamp Household Composition Desk Guide available to you this month. They are also finalizing an online proration calculation worksheet which will determine the correct prorated amounts in a number of situations. These include combination state and federal food stamp households which contain: both TAFDC and EAEDC recipients, a family cap child, or an undocumented noncitizen with income. Field Operations continues monthly meetings with local office directors to review each and every error and is working with individual offices to refine their specific error reduction strategies and determine what will work best in their particular circumstances.

These Central Office efforts are important and are critical to our success in lowering the error rate. But as in so much that we do, it is you who do the actual day-to-day case work who will make us succeed. I know that many of the food stamp program rules are complicated and are sometimes difficult to follow. I also know that you have succeeded at equally complicated and difficult things and I expect no less in this effort. Thank you for your professionalism and commitment to this important undertaking.

Sincerely,



Claire McIntire
Commissioner



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