

## ***FYI***

### ***Clarification of State Letter 1245 and the Full Family Sanction***

TAOs are reminded that the TAFDC full family sanction should still be imposed where appropriate. State Letter 1245 amended regulations to eliminate the full family sanction at 106 CMR 207.200(B)(3). This change has not altered the Department's practice with regard to a full family sanction. This is because the Department employs a full family sanction for failure to comply with the Employment Development Plan as authorized by 106 CMR 207.200(A)(4), not for failure to comply with the work program requirement that was authorized by 106 CMR 207.200(B)(3).

### ***BEACON Today Issued in February 2003***

BT 101 Unemployment Compensation Extensions (2/4/2003)



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### ***Changes to Policy Online***

This month you will see the following changes to Policy Online.

#### ***FMCS Codes Windows***

The listing of the various options on FMCS Codes Page 1 and Page 2 has been consolidated. Instead of listing the various options by program type, only the option title is now listed. This eliminates the duplicate options listed on each window and will allow for more options to be listed on each window.

#### ***AU Processing – Second Quarter – Case Closing and Reduction Schedule***

The 2003 Second Quarter Schedule (April – June) can be accessed by selecting the Second Quarter from the AU Processing window.

#### ***Farm Bill 2002: 4/1/2003 Noncitizen Restoration***

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Effective April 1, 2003, the Farm Bill restores food stamp eligibility to qualified noncitizens who have lived in the United States for five years or longer as defined in 106 CMR 362.240.

The Department received a waiver from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to extend the processing timeframes on these AUs. Effective February 20, 2003, TAO staff may accept applications from AUs that are currently ineligible due to their noncitizen status but **may** be eligible on April 1, 2003 under the noncitizen restoration rule. These applicants must not be denied and told to reapply on April 1, 2003.

Field Operations Memo 2003-7 informs TAO staff about:

- extended processing timeframes for re/applications under the Noncitizen Restoration Waiver;
- 30-day processing of re/applications for Combination FS AUs; and
- outreach to former SSFSP AUs who appear eligible under the noncitizen restoration rules.

