

FYI

Mandated Participation and Domestic Violence Waivers

A nonexempt, nonwork program-required individual mandated to participate in a Basic Educational Services, Skills Training or Supported Work component claiming to be a victim of domestic violence must request a Domestic Violence waiver to be excused from the mandated participation. The process for requesting a Domestic Violence waiver is the same as for those Work Program required individuals who request a Domestic Violence waiver. Mandated participation is postponed until a decision is made on the waiver request.

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Department of Public Health F.O.R. Families Referral Form Change

The fax number to transmit the Department of Public Health Referral Form (DPH-REF-1) for F.O.R. Families referrals has changed. The new fax number is (617) 624-5003. This number will appear at the bottom of the revised referral form. Chapters 9 and 19 of *The TAFDC Procedural Guide* will be updated shortly to reflect these changes.

TAFDC and EA Changes Due to the Increase in the Federal Poverty Level

TAFDC, EA State Letter 1189

The TAFDC and EA regulations were revised to reflect the increase in the federal poverty level.

- The amount of income available from the parent(s) of a teen parent under age 18 to the teen parent's filing unit is based on 200 percent of the federal poverty level.
- To be eligible for temporary shelter benefits under the EA program, the household's income must be equal to or less than the EA Shelter Standard, which is based on 130 percent of the federal poverty level.

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Appendix D: Service Area Listing

- Appendix D has been revised to reflect the United States Postal Service's listing of cities and towns. The exact spelling of cities and towns as listed in this appendix is required on the PID.
- The Long Term Care Eligibility Office Listing has been removed.

EA Shelter Placement Change

EA

Emergency Assistance

Reference Guide Update 002

- When an EA AU's shelter placement is being changed for any reason from an interim or family shelter to another interim or family shelter, the EA recipient must be provided with written notice of the transfer.
- Except for the TES-WN-2 noncompliance notice, use the TES-TR-1 to notify the recipient of the shelter transfer.
- The TES-TR-1 notice and the EA-13 notice have been combined into one notice.