

Removal of EAEDC Student Category and Introduction of New EBT Procedures

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This update transmits the following changes:

- Eliminates EAEDC student category.
- Lifts the requirement to complete an Image-1 form for any recipient with a previous image on file. Recipients with a previous image on file may go directly to the IIS operator for a replacement card or PIN.
- Introduces the new EBT Card Fee Collection Form (EBT-9). This form is used to authorize the collection of the EBT card fee from the recipient's next EBT benefit issuance.
- Eliminates action on 30-day and 60-day aged EBT cash and food stamp benefits. AU Managers will only act on aged 90-day benefits.
- Food stamp EBT benefits will no longer be inactivated at day 90; these benefits will be permanently purged at day 270.
- Food stamp benefits will no longer be converted to cash when an Assistance Unit moves out of the Commonwealth since Massachusetts' EBT card can be used in all EBT states.

EA Recoupment and Pet Restriction in Hotels

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An EA AU who appeals the shelter termination action, receives shelter pending the appeal hearing and subsequently loses the appeal will be subject to recoupment of the cost of shelter at the Department rate of \$100 per night. This information has been added to the NFL-9 and NFL-ST. AU Managers must advise the EA AU of the recoupment procedures should an appeal be filed and denied.

A rule has been added to the HM-NT form regarding pets. No pets may be in the room at any time except when needed as an accommodation for a disability, such as but not limited to, a seeing-eye dog or another animal trained to assist the person with his or her disability.

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BEACON Help

The following is a list of Help windows that have been added or revised.

Added:

Add, Change or Update Business Expenses

Add, Change or Update Garnishment

Assign an AU

Modify Existing Domestic Violence Information

Process a Benefit Issuance

Process a Closed Extension Request

Process a Denied Extension Request

Process a Reevaluation

Process an Approved Extension Request

Process Application/Reevaluation Print Information

Process Dependent Care Expenses

Process Medical Expenses

Process Monthly Reporting Information

Process New Domestic Violence Information

Process Prior Assistance Information

Process Program Change Information

Process Residential Facility Information

Process Standard Utility Allowance Information

Process Support Expenses Information

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