

State Letter

Clothing Allowance - TAFDC

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This State Letter transmits a change in the TAFDC Eligibility, Need and Payment Standards regulations for the month of March 2010 and thereafter.

Beginning in 2010, the Department will be able to provide a nonrecurring clothing allowance or other one-time nonrecurring payment to eligible TAFDC clients, in the event such an allowance or payment is authorized in the budget, without an annual change in these regulations.

FYIs

Getting Ready for BEACON 3

Development of BEACON 3.0 is continuing. This column will continue to appear in future *Transitions* so that you will be up-to-date on significant project milestones.

User Acceptance Testing (UAT) for BEACON 3.0 is ongoing. Where issues are reported by testers, they continue to be researched and prioritized for resolution. Thank you to all those taking part in this important testing process. Your participation is very much appreciated.

A BEACON 3.0 Implementation Team is being developed, and additional information about implementation, including the BEACON 3.0 “go live” date, will be forthcoming.

Decrease in Federal Mileage Rate

Effective immediately, TAO staff must use the federal mileage rate of 50 cents per mile when calculating allowable transportation costs to be used as a medical or a dependent care deduction. The new federal mileage rate represents a decrease from the rate issued in an *FYI* in *Transitions* of March 2009.

Cultural Communication

Each month, the Diversity Council offers tips about communicating with people of different cultures.

In Cape Verdean culture, people stand close together when talking and are physically demonstrative, often touching and holding hands (men as well as women).