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Field Operations Memo 2009-66 A
November 23, 2009

To: Transitional Assistance Office Staff
From: John Augeri, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations
Re: TAFDC – SSI Changes: Applications Taken on or After November 23, 2009

Overview

Due to the current fiscal crisis, certain individuals who are ineligible for TAFDC because of receipt of SSI, who have a legal obligation to support their dependent children or spouse, will have their income (excluding the first \$100 of income) count in determining eligibility. This change is effective January 1, 2010.

Purpose of Memo

Field Operations Memo 2009-66 informed case managers about an informational mailing to clients affected by this change. This Field Operations Memo advises TAO staff what information must be given to certain individuals who apply for TAFDC benefits on or after November 23, 2009.

Applications Taken on or After November 23, 2009

Someone applying for TAFDC on or after November 23, 2009 who is an individual with a legal obligation to support his or her children or spouse (including a teen parent in his or her parent's case) receiving SSI must be told of the change in policy scheduled to occur on January 1, 2010, and that it may impact his or her TAFDC benefits. These people will not receive the notices mailed on November 27.

Currently, *no application should be denied* because the applicant or other family member listed above receives SSI.

Questions

If you have any questions, please have your Hotline designee call the Policy Hotline.
