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Field Operations Memo 2008-67
December 1, 2008

To: Transitional Assistance Office Staff
From:  John Augeri, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations
Re: TAFDC – Transportation Changes

**Franklin
Regional Transit
Authority
Changes**

The Franklin Regional Transit Authority provided a variety of services to our clients in the following cities and towns: Athol, Orange, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Deerfield, Bernardston, Shelburne Falls, Charlemont, Northampton, Sunderland, Whatley and Hatfield.

Due to increased usage and budget shortfalls, effective December 31, 2008, this service will no longer be available to our clients for the remainder of FY '09. Beginning January 1, 2009, clients impacted by this change who are participating in an ESP activity or working will be eligible for continued transportation payments authorized via TransAction Associates or via "Transportation" payments authorized through BEACON. See *A User's Guide*, Chapter XII, Section C for procedures.

Clients who are not eligible for Transportation payments and have no other means of getting to their ESP activity must not be sanctioned for failure to meet work program participation hours. Case managers should explore if there is another ESP activity the client can attend without reliance on transportation. If none of these options are available, the client must be given the "Meets Compliance" reason of "No Transportation Available." See *A User's Guide*, Chapter XIX, Section D for procedures.

**Car Donation
Program
Changes**

Due to increased referrals and limited resources, effective immediately no more referrals should be made to the Car Donation Program. TAO Staff will be notified when this situation changes.

Obsolete Memo This memo obsoletes Field operations Memo 2006-28 “Car Ownership Program for Certain TAFDC Recipients.”

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