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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From: *AOS* Anne O'Sullivan, Assistant Commissioner for Change Management
Re: TAFDC: Miscellaneous Updates to the Online Guide

Overview

To ensure accuracy and consistency, the Online Guide is continually updated with new information, procedural changes, technical corrections and clarifications to the Online Guide Topics books and pages.

Purpose

This Online Guide Transmittal advises staff of several miscellaneous TAFDC Topic pages that have been updated.

**BEACON Online
Guide TAFDC
Clarifications
and Corrections**

The following clarifications and corrections have been made to the TAFDC Topic section of the Online Guide:

- Acosta Payments: Acosta child support payments paid to a client receiving TAFDC are countable for SNAP as lump sum income.
- Learnfare: A school-age child for Learnfare purposes is defined as a child who is at least age 6 regardless of the child's grade level.

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and Corrections
(continued)**

- Vehicles: For more than one vehicle, the \$15,000 deduction from the fair market value is applied to the vehicle with the greatest fair market value, provided that vehicle is used primarily for transportation.
 - Crib and Layette Payments: Children subject to the Family Cap rule, and children who are active in a TAFDC case that is open **only** for clothing allowance eligibility, are not eligible for the crib and layette payment.
 - Legal Permanent Resident (LPR): A noncitizen with LPR status may be eligible for TAFDC when he or she meets the criteria as described in 106 CMR 203.675(A)(2).
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**Updated
BEACON Online
Guide Books and
Pages**

Topic:	TAFDC
Chapter:	Program Nonfinancial Requirements
Subchapter:	Child Support
Book:	Child Support Income
Page:	Acosta Payment
Topic:	TAFDC
Chapter:	Program Nonfinancial Requirements
Book:	Learnfare
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Topic:	TAFDC
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Book:	Noncitizen
Page:	Legal Permanent Resident Overview – TAFDC

Questions

If you have any questions, please email the DTA Mailbox.
Systems questions should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
