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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From: Paul Sutliff, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations
Re: SNAP – Updates to the Application Interview, Dependent Care Expense Deduction, and SNAP Asset Guidelines

Overview

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) issued a number of regulatory changes via the finalized rules of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill of 2008). To bring the Department into compliance with updated SNAP regulations, pages in the Online Guide were revised to reflect federal guidance on Application Interviews, the Dependent Care Expense Deduction, and SNAP Asset Guidelines.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff of updates to the:

- Application Interview page;
 - Dependent Care Expense Deduction page; and
 - SNAP Asset Guidelines page.
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**Updated Online
Guide Pages**

Topic: SNAP
Book: Application Processing
Chapter: SNAP Application Processing
Page: The Application Interview

Topic: SNAP
Book: Expenses and Deductions
Chapter: Dependent Care Expenses
Page: Dependent Care Expense Deduction

Topic: SNAP
Book: Eligibility Requirements
Chapter: Assets
Page: SNAP Asset Guidelines

Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email the DTA Mailbox.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
