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**Online Guide Transmittal 2021-95
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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From:  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: **SNAP: Updates to Prefixes in the Phone Queue**

Overview

Changes have been made to the Cisco Finesse phone queue system that changed the 3-digit prefix that precedes an authenticated caller's displayed APID. Additionally, the Variable 10 line in Cisco will display the APID in a format that will be easier to copy and paste into BEACON for quick case lookup.

Purpose

The purpose of this Transmittal is to update guidance on how to use information displayed on the Cisco Finesse phone queue application.

IVR Prefix Updates

When clients call the DTA Assistance Line phone queue and authenticate, Cisco Finesse displays the client’s APID along with a three-digit prefix to give staff an indication of what the client’s case status is. The table below summarizes the prefix updates.

Previous Prefix	New Prefix	Prefix Indication
333	220	Authenticated callers without priority
444	330	Interview is required, there are outstanding verifications, or the case has been closed or denied within 30 days
555	440	Successful outbound auto dialer calls for SNAP telephone appointments

Variable 10

Staff can also copy and paste the APID from Variable 10 line in Cisco into BEACON to streamline the process of looking up clients and reviewing their case.

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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 them to DTA.Procedural.Issues.

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