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**Online Guide Transmittal 2021-98  
December 23, 2021**

**To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff**  
**From:  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management**  
**Re: SNAP: Extending Certification Periods to July 2022**

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**Overview**

The Department has received authorization to extend certification periods for certain households with a certification end date from December 31, 2021, through January 2022. These certification periods have been extended by 6 months and will end by July 2022. With this change, the Department aims to facilitate the timely issuance of benefits and increase efficiency.

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, the Department temporarily suspended the BEACON generation of January 2022 SNAP recertification forms. However, by the time the suspension was implemented, grantees with SSNs ending in “0” or “1” were already sent the recertification form. These households are required to complete the recertification process in order to continue receiving benefits.

On the evening of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, BEACON resumed sending January SNAP COVID-19 recertification forms to all other clients who do not qualify for the 6-month extension.

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff of the extension of certification end dates for certain households and the corresponding updates to the Online Guide.

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**New Online  
Guide Page**

**Topic:** COVID-19  
**Page:** Extending Certification Periods to July 2022

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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.

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