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To:	**Department of Transitional Assistance Staff**
From:	**Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management**
Re:	**Cross Programs: Verifying Student Eligibility and Educational Income**

Overview

As the Department continues to align programs and streamline access, adjustments have been made to college student procedures.

Educational income, such as grants and scholarships, are no longer considered countable income for the SNAP, TAFDC or EAEDC programs and must not be verified.

For the SNAP program, all students attending a community college are eligible under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) or in a course of study that would lead to employment. In addition, student eligibility and meal plan status can now be self-declared unless it is considered questionable. **The Department is no longer using the EDUC-1 or CCE forms.** Until BEACON is updated staff must disposition the auto-populated verification items, Financial Aid and School Enrollment and Community College Enrollment, to prevent an incorrect VC-1 being sent with attached EDUC-1 and CCE forms.

Expanded student eligibility due to COVID-19 remains in effect. Edits to the maximum Pell Grant for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic years, and other small clarifications were made to the COVID-19 Processing College Student Eligibility and Educational Income for SNAP Households OLG page.

Purpose

This Online Guide update advises staff about a change to countable income, a change in how to verify student eligibility status and a new book within the COVID-19 book named Student Eligibility and Educational Income. This book contains two pages, Processing College Student Eligibility and Educational Income for SNAP Households and Educational Income – Noncountable for SNAP, TAFDC and EAEDC.

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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 the DTA.Procedural Issues Mailbox.

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