



*Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Executive Office of Health and Human Services  
Department of Transitional Assistance*


CHARLES D. BAKER  
Governor

MARYLOU SUDDERS  
Secretary

KARYN POLITO  
Lieutenant Governor

MARY SHEEHAN  
Acting Commissioner

**Online Guide Transmittal 2022-95  
November 23, 2022**

**To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff**  
**From:  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management**  
**Re: TAFDC and EAEDC: Implementation of the Asset Limit Repeal–Phase 3**

---

**Overview**

A change in legislation, eliminated the asset limits for both the TAFDC and EAEDC programs effective July 1st, 2021. Effective July 1st, 2022, EAEDC clients in Living Arrangement E, a licensed rest home, also known as a residential care facility, have an asset limit of \$2000.

Effective October 21, 2022, changes were implemented to eliminate all references to assets limits for TAFDC and EAEDC (**with the exception of EAEDC rest home applicants and recipients**) within BEACON workflows to prevent the collection of new asset information and to remove the asset calculation from eligibility rules.

---

**Purpose**

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

- BEACON changes to support current asset rules for TAFDC and EAEDC client; and
  - updates to the Online Guide.
-

**Systems  
Changes**

The following systems changes have taken place:

- All asset questions on the EAEDC and TAFDC DTA Connect Online Application have now been removed.
- The Assets Q and A Navigator on BEACON longer requires edits for any program during application or reevaluation.
- Asset data collection pages can be visited without going through the Q and A Navigator. Case managers must only visit asset pages when there are incomplete pages preventing an interview wrap up or they are working on an EAEDC rest home case. Any existing asset information (with the exception of rest home cases) must be ended, except for bank accounts being used for direct deposit purposes. The balance of the bank account must always be \$0.
- Where applicable, asset ineligibility reasons have been removed. These reasons remain when they are used for SNAP non-categorically eligible cases or EAEDC rest home cases.
- The BEACON ineligibility reason “EBT Cash High Balance in excess of asset limit” has been renamed to “EBT Cash High Balance in excess of limit”.

---

**BEACON  
VC-1  
Changes**

The following Verification Checklist (VC-1) changes took place on October 21, 2022:

- The Deposit Form (CA/DD) is now an optional verification, and
  - Asset verifications can no longer be selected when a case manager prints a VC-1 notice from the Verification tab for TAFDC or EAEDC cases (with the exception of rest home cases). For combo cases, the verification can be selected, but the asset(s) will only be listed in the SNAP program section.
-

---

**Asset Data  
Match Changes**

The PI checklist for DOR Bank Match data will only be created when a client has a pending/active SNAP assistance unit or pending/active EAEDC rest home assistance unit.

---

**Obsolete Field  
Operations  
Memos and  
Online Guide  
Transmittals**

The following Field Operations Memos and Online Guide Transmittals are obsolete: 2018-75 TAFDC: Increase in Asset Limit, 2019-72 TAFDC: Exclusion of the Primary Vehicle as a Countable Asset, 2013-52: TAFDC and EAEDC – Non-Principal Real Estate, 2017-72: TAFDC and EAEDC: Fair Market Car Valuation, 2010-22: TAFDC and EAEDC – Kelley Blue Book and Car Values

---

**Updated  
Forms**

The following forms have been revised:

- Application Central Print Form
- Application/Reevaluation Addendum Form (VC-1) and;
- Application/Reevaluation Form

---

**Updated  
Brochures**

The following brochures have been revised:

- TAFDC-PB, Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program Brochure (English and Spanish) and;
- EAEDC-PB, Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children Program Brochure (English and Spanish)

---

**Updated  
Notices**

References to assets were removed from applicable notices.

---

**Updated Online  
Guide Pages**

Various Online Guide pages have been updated to reflect this change in policy.

---

**Obsoleted  
Online Guide  
Pages**

**Topic:** TAFDC  
**Book:** Financial Requirements  
**Chapter:** Assets  
**Page:** Asset Types-Vehicles Examples

**Topic:** TAFDC  
**Book:** Financial Requirements  
**Chapter:** Assets  
**Page:** Inaccessible Assets-TAFDC

**Topic:** EAEDC  
**Book:** Basic Case Activities & Maintenance  
**Chapter:** Closings and Denials  
**Page:** Overview of Closings and Denials

**Topic:** TAFDC  
**Book:** Basic Case Activities & Maintenance  
**Chapter:** Closings and Denials  
**Page:** Overviews of Closings and Denials

**Topic:** EAEDC  
**Book:** General Nonfinancial Requirements  
**Chapter:** Noncitizen  
**Page:** Noncitizen Introduction

**Topic:** TAFDC  
**Book:** Program Nonfinancial Requirements  
**Chapter:** Noncitizen  
**Page:** Noncitizen Introduction-TAFDC

---

**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.

---