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To: **Department of Transitional Assistance Staff**

From: **Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management**

Re: **Cross Programs: Updates to Student Eligibility Guidance**

Overview

The following updates were made to the College Student guidance that was previously issued on August 29, 2022:

- A chart was added with examples of verifications clients can provide when student eligibility is considered questionable for SNAP
- Clarification on certain student eligibility criteria to assist staff with determining student eligibility for SNAP
- New VC-1 description language when issuing a VC-1 for Student Eligibility for SNAP
- Clarification that educational income that is awarded by organizations other than the college/university is considered noncountable educational income for all DTA programs
- Additional cleanup of existing OLG pages was completed to remove all references to EDUC-1 and CCE forms.

Purpose

The purpose of the Online Guide update is to provide clarification and updates regarding College Student guidance.

Revised COVID-19 Online Guide Pages	**Book:**	COVID-19
	Book:	Student Eligibility and Educational Income
	Page:	Processing College Student Eligibility and Educational Income for SNAP Households
	Book:	COVID-19
	Book:	Student Eligibility and Educational Income
	Page:	Educational Income – Noncountable for SNAP, TAFDC and EAEDC

Revised Online Guide Pages	**Topic:**	SNAP
	Book:	Eligibility Requirements
	Chapter:	Students
	Page:	Students
	Topic:	Notices/Forms
	Book:	Cross Program
	Page:	Letter Request
	Topic:	Cross Programs
	Book:	Verifications
	Chapter:	Verification Methods
	Page:	Self-Declarations
	Topic:	Cross Programs
	Page:	Entering Hours When Not Available on Wage Stubs

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