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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From: Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: TAFDC: Elimination of the Cash Advance deduction for Child Support Income

Overview

Effective immediately, child support income received from the date of TAFDC application until the date TAFDC benefits are authorized will not be deducted from the first grant payment by way of a Cash Advance deduction.

Child support income received in the four weeks prior to TAFDC application will continue to be counted and used in the determination of financial eligibility.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff of this change in counting child support income for TAFDC and updated corresponding Online Guide pages pertaining to entering the child support income in BEACON.

Case Manager Responsibilities

Staff must not create a Cash Advance deduction in the related benefit window to account for child support received while a TAFDC application is pending.

**Updated Online
Guide Pages**

Topic: TAFDC
Book: Program Non-Financial Requirements
Chapter: Child Support
Subchapter: Child Support Income
Page: Entering Child Support Income-Applicant

Topic: TAFDC
Book: Program Non-Financial Requirements
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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.
