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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff

From: *AOS* Anne O'Sullivan, Assistant Commissioner for Policy, Program and External Relations

Re: TAFDC – Welfare Reform: Teen Parent Changes

Overview

As part of the recent welfare reform legislation, a pregnant teen who meets all other eligibility requirements is eligible to live in a teen parent shelter or a teen parenting program (TPP) (formerly known as teen living programs - TLP) during her entire pregnancy. The pregnant teen is also eligible to receive TAFDC for her entire pregnancy if she meets the school attendance requirement found in 106 CMR 203.610 and 203.630.

Purpose of Memo

Effective with the issuance of this Operations Memo, any teen parent who meets all other TAFDC eligibility requirements is eligible to live in a teen parent shelter or in a teen parenting program (TPP) at any time during her pregnancy. The pregnant teen is also eligible to receive TAFDC for her entire pregnancy if she meets the school attendance requirement.

Reminder: Teen parents in recipient of TAFDC continue to be eligible for Young Parent Programs for the entirety of their pregnancy.

State Letter

A State Letter addressing these and all other welfare reform-related changes will be issued in the future.

Questions

If you have any questions, please have your Hotline designee call the Policy Hotline.