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From the Hotline

- Q. My client is on TAFDC with one daughter who is receiving SSI. The daughter's father pays child support. Is this monthly income countable for TAFDC and/or for the Food Stamp Program?
- A. In this situation, the child support income is not countable for TAFDC purposes because all income of any member of a household who receives SSI is noncountable. Refer to 106 CMR 204.250. The child support, however, is unearned income and must be counted when determining the client's food stamp benefits. Refer to 106 CMR 363.220.
- Q. I have a TAFDC client who claims he is disabled but this is his second disability request. His 60-month clock has been reset and this is his first disability request in this new 60-month period. Can this individual receive assistance as an exempt disabled recipient pending the decision by the Department's Professional Review Organization (PRO)?
- A. Yes. Because his 60-month clock was reset, your client is considered disabled pending the results of the disability review process. Refer to *A User's Guide: Transitional Assistance Programs and BEACON*, Chapter XIII, Section H, page 31.
- Q. A family came into the office applying for Emergency Assistance. The EA household includes an 18-year-old son who is not attending school and is not working. Is this household eligible for EA?
- A. If otherwise eligible, yes. The eligibility requirements for EA do not include school attendance or student requirements, but the EA self-sufficiency plan for the family must include all adults, including the 18-year-old. The plan should include job-related activities for the 18-year-old. For more information on EA eligibility requirements, refer to 106 CMR 309.020 and 309.040(D).
- Q. A single pregnant woman in her first trimester is applying for EA. She is an SSI recipient, homeless and requesting placement in an EA shelter. Is she EA-eligible?
- A. Yes. She must be homeless due to lack of feasible alternative housing. The eligibility requirements for an EA pregnant woman do not specify a particular month or trimester nor do they exclude SSI recipients. Refer to 106 CMR 309.020 and 309.040.