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Changes to *Transitions*

Starting this month, TAO staff will receive printed copies of *Transitions*. You will also see a change to the format and design. *Transitions* continues to be available also from Policy Online. Although there has been a change in design and format, you can continue to navigate through *Transitions* online by selecting a topic listed in the Table of Contents.

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Changes to Policy Online

This month you will see the following change to Policy Online:

The SSI Regional Office/ZIP Code for the East Boston/02128 TAO has been corrected to show its assignment to the Malden SSI office.

This change appears in the following options accessed from the Reference Documentation Window:

- SSI Area Office Listing - City/Town
- SSI Area Office Listing



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Foster Grandparent Program

Under the TAFDC and Food Stamp programs, foster grandparent income is income excluded by law. See 106 CMR:204.250(P) and 106 CMR:363.230(K)(5). The Foster Grandparent Program provides a way for persons 60 and over whose income is limited to serve as extended family members to children and youth with exceptional needs. Foster grandparents serve 20 hours a week in schools, hospitals, correctional institutions, daycare facilities, and Head Start centers. They help children who have been abused or neglected, mentor troubled teenagers and young mothers, and care for premature infants or children with physical disabilities. Foster grandparents receive \$2.65 an hour for their service.

Clarifications to the Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Program

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State Letter 1291

This State Letter issues clarification to the Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Program (MPDDP) as originally outlined in State Letter 1287. The medical expense deduction derived from MPDDP participation must be determined as follows:

The values of the monthly subsidy and the monthly flat allowance must always be allowed unless the applicant/recipient makes a claim for the amount of actual prescription drug expenses incurred prior to participation in the Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Program.

“As long as the differences and diversities of mankind exist, democracy must allow for compromise, for accommodation and for the recognition of differences.”

Eugene McCarthy