

Related Systems Information

- BB Options
FMCS Codes
For reference purposes, Category Type - EAEDC
Eligibility Reason – Family and the Category Type –
TAFDC -
Deprivation Reasons now include the entry
(eliminated 8/05).
- Document Direct/View Direct Printing Procedures

A new option entitled Document Direct/View Direct Printing Procedures has been added to the list of available options on the Related Systems Information window. When selected, the procedures for viewing and printing reports will be displayed.

FYI

EA Six-Month Extension

When a family whose income exceeds the EA Eligibility Standard for their AU size, receives shelter benefits for an additional six months, the reminder notice that the six-month shelter period is scheduled to end will be sent to the EA AU 30 days (instead of 10 days) prior to the end of the six-month shelter period.

FYI

EAEDC/SSI Timely Case Closing

Currently, when an EAEDC recipient is approved for and begins to receive SSI, staff from Centralized Eligibility Operations (CEO) manually close the AU. Effective **September 23, 2005**, EAEDC recipients who receive SSI will be automatically closed by a BEACON Batch Job. No additional AU Manager action is needed.

Once a recipient is in receipt of SSI, the SDX batch job will close the EAEDC portion of the AU and recalculate the food stamp benefits, if applicable, using current recertification rules.

The Results Tab of the Eligibility Explorer window on BEACON will display the actual closing action. A message about this closing action will also be added automatically on the Narratives Tab.

FYI

Processing Unverified Food Stamp Deductible Expenses

At the June 2005 Food for Thought Conference, there was some confusion over when a FS deductible expense amount, that is not verified, may be zeroed out.

USDA has clarified that it is **only at initial application, reapplication or recertification** that an unverified expense amount must be zeroed out. The FS benefit would be calculated without the expense deduction in accordance with the following statement on the Rights and Responsibilities form (RR/FSP-1B): *“I understand that, for food stamp benefits, to receive a deduction for child care expenses, rent or mortgage payments, utility or shelter expenses, child support paid to a non-household member, or medical expenses, I must report and provide verification to the Department. Failure to report or verify the above-listed expense(s), could mean that I will receive less food stamp benefits each month, and will be seen as my statement that the household does not want to receive a deduction for the unreported or unverified expense.”*

When an ongoing AU reports a change in an expense amount during the certification period, the policy at 106 CMR 366.120 applies. This area of policy will be modified in the future to reflect the recent USDA clarification.

Remember: TBA and USR AUs are subject to limited reporting requirements. Changes reported during the certification period must be acted on in accordance with food stamp regulations at 106 CMR 366.110.

Correct P.O. Box Address for Child Support Checks

TAFDC
Field Operations Memo
2005-32A

This Field Operations Memo gave TAO Staff the corrected address for AU Managers to send child support payments received by the recipient directly from the absent parent or child support checks incorrectly sent to the recipient by DOR.

