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A new memo entitled *The Dot is Back* (11/13/06) has been added to the list of available options. When selected, the memo issued by Commissioner Wagner introducing the new positioning line and logo appears. In addition, the memo includes the following link, which provides additional messages that are part of the positioning line statement: www.causemedia.com/clients/DTA/index2.htm

FYI

Food Stamp Work Study Income

AU Managers are reminded that, although participation in a work study program meets student eligibility requirements as defined in 106 CMR 362.410, federal work study earnings must **never be counted** when calculating the food stamp benefit amounts (see 106 CMR 363.230 (D)). However, non-title IV (non-federal) or state work study income not used for educational expenses **is countable**, as well as earnings from a graduate fellowship or assistantship with a work requirement not used for educational expenses. (see 106 CMR 363.220(A)(3)).

Remember that work study income sources must be listed in the Employment Status window of BEACON when the recipient has work study earnings; when work study income is non-countable the AU Manager must be sure to check “No” at the “Countable FS” radio button on the Employed tab.

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Residential Facility Window

Two additional Exit Reasons have been added to the Exit dropdown box on the Residential Facility window. The Exit Reasons record why the family is leaving the shelter facility. The new reasons are:

- “*Shelter Interruption - TESI:*” used when the family's shelter placement is being interrupted temporarily for up to 30 days because the family has been granted permission to leave the shelter for feasible alternative housing. The family has completed the *Temporary Emergency Shelter Interruption (TESI)* form; and

- “*Shared Housing:*” used when the family is leaving the shelter and will be living with others (sharing the housing), in either subsidized or unsubsidized housing.

Select the Exit reason “*Perm Placement - Sub Housing*” (*subsidized*) or “*Perm Placement - Unsub Housing*” (*unsubsidized*)” when the family is leaving the shelter and will not be living with others.

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