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**To:** Department of Transitional Assistance Staff

**From:**  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Local Implementation and Special Populations

**Re:** TAFDC: Infant Allowance Automation

**Overview**

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The Crib and Layette payment has been renamed the Infant Allowance effective 8/15/2024. The Infant Allowance will now be issued automatically by BEACON when an eligible child, six months old or younger is added to a TAFDC case or is included in a TAFDC case approval.

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff of:

- the renaming of the Crib and Layette payment as the Infant Allowance payment,
  - the automation of the Infant Allowance payment for children six months of age or younger receiving TAFDC,
  - guidance for issuing the Infant Allowance manually, in rare circumstances when automated issuance cannot occur,
  - a new Infant Allowance Notice, and
  - updated Online Guide Pages.
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**Revised Online  
Guide Pages**

**Topic:** TAFDC  
**Book:** Related Benefits  
**Chapter:** Infant Allowance  
**Page:** Infant Allowance Payments

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**Additional  
Updates**

The following Policy and Procedures reference link has been updated to reflect the name change to Infant Allowance.

[Infant Allowance Payments Policy and Procedures](#)

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**Questions**

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email them to [DTA.Procedural Issues](#).

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.

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