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**Online Guide Transmittal 2019-63
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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff

From:  Paul Sutliff, Assistant Commissioner for Programs and Field Operations

Re: TAFDC and EAEDC: Elimination of Free Household Expenses

Overview Effective July 1, 2019, DTA is no longer deducting free household expenses from TAFDC grants.

Purpose The purpose of this transmittal is to advise staff:

- of the elimination of free household expenses as a deduction from TAFDC grants, and
- that the Online Guide has been updated to include all types of non-countable income for both TAFDC and EAEDC.

Removal of Free Household Expenses On August 26th, 2019, TAFDC families who had free household expenses deducted from their grant, will have the expense removed and their grant recalculated. These families will receive a notice advising of the removal and recalculation. In addition, a narrative will be entered in the case.

At the end of September 2019, the affected families will receive a retroactive payment reimbursing them for the Free Household Expenses deducted from their grant between July 2019 - August 2019.

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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.
