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**EFFECTIVE**

September 1, 2010.

**SUBJECTS**

1. Identity verification.
2. Filipino veterans equity compensation fund.
3. TANF-funded subsidized employment income.
4. Disability verification sources.
5. Expedited processing.
6. Reinstatements.
7. SSI clarifications.
8. DHS PUB-859, Domestic Violence Waivers Information Brochure

**1) Identity  
Verification****BEM 221 and BEM 225****All Types of Assistance (TOA)**

Acceptable verifications updated to include the Social Security Administration (SSA) cross match in Bridges.

*Reason:* Policy consistency and simplification.

**2) Filipino  
Veterans Equity  
Compensation  
Fund****All Types of Assistance (TOA)****BEM 503**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 created the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund. These one-time payments of up to \$15,000 are awarded to certain veterans and spouses of veterans who served in the military of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines during World War II. Bridges excludes the payments as income and assets.

*Reason:* Food and Nutrition Services clarification that these payments are excluded as income and assets. Program consistency and simplification.

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**3) TANF-Funded  
Subsidized  
Employment  
Income****FIP, CDC and FAP****BEM 501**

All TANF-funded subsidized employment income in the form of wages, regardless of the source of TANF funding, is countable earned income.

*Reason:* Food and Nutrition Services clarification that these payments are countable earned income. Program consistency and simplification.

**4) Disability  
Verification  
Sources****FAP****BEM 550**

Disability verification sources are revised.

*Reason:* Bridges automation eliminated the need for reports.

**5) Expedited  
Processing****FAP****BAM 117**

For pending FAP expedited service applications, determination of fault for not meeting standard of promptness must be made at six day intervals after the date of application. When the client is at fault for a delay in processing, the standard of promptness (SOP) is extended to 29 days after the date of application.

When the client is denied expedited service but appears eligible for food assistance benefits, the SOP is extended to 29 days.

*Reason:* Align policy with Bridges programming which establishes SOP based on federal regulations.

## 6) Reinstatements

### **BAM 205**

Local offices can reinstate cases for up to 12 months prior to the ongoing month. Other reinstatements must be processed by DHS exceptions

*Reason:* Bridges time frame to process reinstatements has been increased to 12 months.

*Old Policy:* Bridges did not allow a reinstatement of a case that closed more than 60 days ago.

## 7) SSI Clarifications

### **BAM 600 and BEM 660**

State SSI payments are made for only those months the recipient received a regular monthly federal benefit. This is shown on SOLQ as a recurring payment dated the first of the month. **State SSI payments are not issued for retroactive or supplemental federal benefits.**

*Reason:* Policy clarification.

## 8) DHS PUB-859, Domestic Violence Waivers Informational Brochure

### **All Types of Assistance (TOA)**

#### **BAM 116, BEM 200, BEM 212, BEM 213, BEM 226**

It is no longer required to provide DHS-PUB-859, Domestic Violence Waivers Informational Brochure, when clients apply for assistance. The information in the brochure is now added to the DHS-1605, Notice of Case Action.

*Reason:* FNS clarification. Cost saver.

**MANUAL  
MAINTENANCE  
INSTRUCTIONS**

**Changed Items (content changes) ...**

**BAM 116  
BAM 117  
BAM 205  
BAM 600  
BAM 802  
BEM 200  
BEM 212  
BEM 213  
BEM 221  
BEM 225  
BEM 226  
BEM 501  
BEM 503  
BEM 550**

**Changed Items (link changes only) ...**

**BEM 660**