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Summary

In response to the final rules for the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, the following changes were made to the TFA section of the EAZ manual:

WAC 388-489-0015, "How long will my household receive transitional food assistance?"

- Replaced the word "family" with "household" to keep the terminology consistent with other sections of the WAC.

- Replaced the reference to WAC 388-489-0020 with WAC 388-489-0022 in subsection (4) of the WAC.

WAC 388-489-0020, "Am I required to report changes in my household's circumstances while on transitional food assistance?"

- Replaced the word "family" with "household" to keep the terminology consistent with other sections of the WAC.

- Added a reference to WAC 388-489-0022 in subsection (3).

- Removed subsections (3) (a) and (3) (b). The content of these subsections were moved to WAC 388-489-0022.

WAC 388-489-0022, "What happens if I reapply for Basic Food while receiving transitional food assistance?"

- New section to the TFA chapter that establishes the procedure for what to do when someone on TFA applies for Basic Food, such as:

    o Keeping a TFA case active while an application for Basic Food is pending.

    o Opening a new Basic Food certification period effective the first of the month following the month of application.

    o Processing a <u>supplement or overpayment</u> for the difference between the TFA and Basic Food amount, if the household has already received the TFA benefits in the first month of the new Basic Food certification period.

    o Giving the client the choice to stay on TFA if the Basic Food benefits would be less.

As a result of the WAC changes, some of the Clarifying Information and Workers Responsibilities for this section was updated and reorganized.