

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

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PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005 (Complete this section for EACH change)			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name of eligibility change: Exclusion of Interest Income Earned on Savings Bonds and Certain Interest-Bearing Accounts 2. Implementation date of eligibility change: April 5, 2006 3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Interest earned on savings bonds and on the following checking and savings accounts is excluded as both unearned income and a resource in the month of receipt: checking and savings accounts (including pass book accounts), statement accounts, NOW and Super NOW accounts, money market deposit accounts, certifications of deposit (CDs), and Christmas/Vacation clubs. 4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form): The impact due to this eligibility change is negligible since any interest amount on the small resource limit for TANF (\$1,000) would be negligible and would, therefore, have no impact on the eligibility of the TANF family. 			
5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: <u>0</u>			

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name of eligibility change: Exclusion of Tax Refunds as Income or Resource 2. Implementation date of eligibility change: May 22, 2006 3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Generally, the receipt of tax refunds, including EIC and PA Tax Forgiveness, does not have a negative effect on the eligibility for or amount of any TANF cash assistance benefit, because TANF clients could simply spend down the amount in the first two months as it was previously excluded in that timeframe. County assistance workers previously had to track, verify and document the receipt of all state and IRS refunds to ensure that the refunds were disregarded correctly. Hence, this eligibility change was implemented in order to promote program efficiency. 4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form): The impact due to this eligibility change is negligible since previously clients would have simply spent down the tax refund in the allotted timeframe. 			
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PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005 (Complete this section for EACH change)			
<p>1. Name of eligibility change: Changes to the Diversion Program</p> <p>2. Implementation date of eligibility change: March 28, 2008</p> <p>3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Previously, eligibility for the Diversion Program required that in order to qualify for Diversion, the individual must currently be employed or have a bona fide expectation of receiving earned or unearned income within 90 days of application. Additionally, the individual could apply for and receive cash assistance benefits during the Diversion period but would incur an overpayment.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Under new policy to qualify for the Diversion Program applicants must have an expectation of receiving income and must have a recent work history (within 90 days of application) or job skills training. In areas qualified as waived areas for time limited food stamp benefits, individuals must have work history within the past 180 days of application or job skills training. Our county offices will no longer have to verify new expected income in order to make a determination of whether or not the individual qualifies for Diversion. However, individuals who receive a Diversion payment shall be ineligible for TANF funds until the end of their Diversion Period.</p> <p>4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form): The impact due to this eligibility change is negligible since caseload trends for the Diversion program have not changed since implementation of this policy. In addition, since Diversion is voluntary, there will be no caseload impact.</p>			
<p>5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: <u> 0 </u></p>			

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<p>PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005 (Complete this section for EACH change)</p>			
<p>1. Name of eligibility change: Implementation of Transitional Cash Assistance (TCA)</p>			
<p>2. Implementation date of eligibility change: March 24, 2009</p>			
<p>3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: This new policy provides temporary supplemental grants designed as an incentive for TANF recipients to move from TANF to employment. The grant amount is \$100 per month for a period of three consecutive months to eligible families whose TANF case would otherwise be closed due to employment.</p>			
<p>4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form): Extracted TCA caseload for FFY 2015. The average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload is based on the average caseload for TCA participation for the FFY 2015.</p>			
<p>5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: <u>3,781</u></p>			

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<p>1. Name of eligibility change: Conversion of Solely State Funded program for households with disabled parent and 2-parent households</p> <p>2. Implementation date of eligibility change: October 1, 2007</p> <p>3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Effective October 1, 2007 the State stopped claiming the disabled household and two-parent households of the cash assistance program as TANF or MOE expenditures. Effective October 1, 2007, cash assistance is provided to these households in a solely state funded program. There had been no changes in eligibility to evaluate for caseload effects. The average monthly caseload data for this group is ‘added back’ to the Average Monthly FFY 2015 Caseload. The state did not utilize TANF federal of State Maintenance of Effort dollars for this program as of October 1, 2007 and thus the effect was a reduction in the total SSP-MOE caseload.</p> <p>4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form): The impact of this change was calculated using extracted caseload data for FFY 2015. The estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload is based on the average caseload for budgets funded with State dollars that do not count toward MOE. These 1,346 cases are to be ‘added back’ to the TANF caseload to level the comparison to the FFY 2005 base year average monthly caseload.</p>			
<p>5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: <u>-1,346</u></p>			

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5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: <u>-751</u>			

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PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit				
<u>Impact of All Changes</u>		<u>Caseload Reduction Calculation</u>		
Transitional Cash Assistance 3,781 Adjustment for solely state funded families not counted toward MOE -1,346		FY 2005 TANF Caseload	96,635	
		FY 2005 SSP Caseload		
		Total FY 2005 Caseload	96,635	
		FY 2015 TANF Caseload	60,835	
		FY 2015 SSP Caseload		
		Total FY 2015 Caseload	60,835	
		Excess MOE Cases in FY 2015	115	
		Adjusted FY 2015 Caseload	60,720	
		Caseload Decline	35,915	37.2%
		Decline – Net Impact	38,350	
		Caseload Reduction Credit =	37.2%	
Net Impact	2,435			

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<u>Excess MOE Calculation Worksheet</u>					
Caseload Data		Expenditure Data			
FY 2005 TANF Caseload	96,635	Total Expenditures			
FY 2005 SSP Caseload	0	FY 2015 Total Federal Expenditures		\$420,210,101	
Total FY 2005 Caseload	96,635	FY 2015 Total MOE Expenditures		\$408,692,949	
FY 2015 TANF Caseload	60,835	Total Expenditures (Federal + MOE)		\$828,903,050	
FY 2015 SSP Caseload	0				
Total FY 2015 Caseload	60,835	Assistance Expenditures			
		FY 2015 Federal Expenditures on Assistance		\$193,602,780	
		FY 2015 MOE Expenditures on Assistance		\$42,372,418	
2-Parent Caseload Data		Total Expenditures on Assistance (Federal + MOE)		\$235,975,198	
FY 2005 2-p TANF Caseload	4,545	Percentage of Expenditures on Assistance			28.47%
FY 2005 2-p SSP Caseload	0				
Total FY 2005 Caseload	4,545				
FY 2015 2-p TANF Caseload	1,263	Expenditures Per Case			
FY 2015 2-p SSP Caseload	0	Average Expenditures per Case		\$13,625	
Total FY 2015 Caseload	1,263	Average Expenditures per Case on Assistance		\$3,879	
MOE and Excess MOE					
		Required MOE (80% or 75%)		\$407,126,000	
		Excess MOE Expenditures		\$1,566,949	
		Excess MOE Expenditures on Assistance		\$446,085	
Adjusted Caseload Data					
Adjusted FY 2015 Overall Caseload	60,720	Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE		115	
Adjusted FY 2015 2-parent Caseload	1,261	2-Parent Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE		2	

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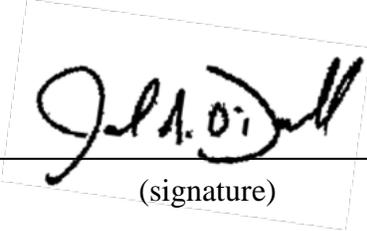
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PART 3 – Certification

I certify that we have provided the public an appropriate opportunity to comment on the estimates and methodology used to complete this report and considered those comments in completing it. Further, I certify that this report incorporates all reductions in the caseload resulting from State eligibility changes and changes in Federal requirements since Fiscal Year 2005.



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