

# FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

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Overall Report X  
Two-parent Report        (check one)

Apply the overall credit to the two-parent participation rate?        yes  
X no

## PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made since FY 2005

(Complete this section for EACH change)

1. Name of eligibility change: Change two parent households to solely state funded program.
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: October 1, 2006
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:  
  
Beginning October 2006, Missouri opted to remove two-parent families subject to work participation requirements from TANF. Two-parent families subject to work participation requirements are in a solely state funded program.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form):  
  
The impact of the change is shown on the two-parent impact worksheet in Part II of this report, which depicts the average two-parent household caseload from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. An average was used to calculate the net impact.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -293

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1. Name of eligibility change: Immediate Engagement
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: January 1, 2008
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

All Temporary Assistance applicants who were not exempt or excluded from work participation activities were required to begin the process to engage in work activities with the Division of Workforce Development (DWD) prior to approval of the Temporary Assistance application. This policy was referred to as Immediate Engagement. All Temporary Assistance applicants who did not meet an exemption or exclusion from work participation activities were required to meet with DWD and complete an Individual Employment Plan prior to approval of the Temporary Assistance application or have good cause for not doing so.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:  
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Note that effective December 6, 2010 the policy was ended and no longer an eligibility factor for Temporary Assistance.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: No Impact

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1. Name of eligibility change: Implement the Transitional Employment Benefit (TEB) program as a separate state program.
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: October 1, 2008
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

TEB is a fifty dollar (\$50.00) payment to families for up to six (6) months when the family loses eligibility for Temporary Assistance benefits due to an increase in earned income, removal of an earnings disregard or an allowable expense deduction, or a household composition change which causes ineligibility due to income guidelines for Temporary Assistance. TEB helps to support working families during their transition into employment and the loss of eligibility for Temporary Assistance. Previously families received no assistance following loss of Temporary Assistance eligibility due to earned income.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:  
(attach supporting materials to this form)

The impact of the change is shown on the TEB impact worksheet in Part II of this report, which identifies the number of TEB families each month from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. An average was used to calculate the impact.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: +586

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1. Name of eligibility change: Temporary Assistance Recipient Drug Testing
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: March 4, 2013
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

All applicants and participants for Temporary Assistance (TA) benefits who are age eighteen (18) or older and are the head of household will complete a screening for illegal use of a controlled substance. Individuals required to complete the screening must cooperate with the screening in order to receive or continue to receive Temporary Assistance (TA). The screening determines if an individual applying for TA benefits must be referred for a drug test. Participants who are age eighteen (18) or older and are the head of household and are receiving Temporary Assistance (TA) benefits are submitted quarterly to a match with the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP). This match searches law enforcement records for participants that have an arrest or conviction for a misdemeanor or felony drug offense for the previous 12 months. If there is a match, the participant is referred for a drug test.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:  
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There is no impact due to this eligibility change as any individual that does not comply with the drug screening, drug testing, or tests positive may be disqualified from receiving Temporary Assistance for themselves for three years, however the children continue receiving Temporary Assistance benefits.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: No Impact

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1. Name of eligibility change: Temporary Assistance Orientation, Personal Responsibility Plan and On-line Job Registration Required
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: August 28, 2015
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

All Temporary Assistance applicants are required to complete an orientation that provides information about the Temporary Assistance program rules and requirements. Additionally, if the applicant is not otherwise exempt or excluded from Temporary Assistance work requirements, they must also complete a personal responsibility plan which lists the employment and training activities available to choose from and indicate which activities they will take part in if approved for Temporary Assistance. Finally applicants who are not otherwise exempt or excluded must complete an on-line job registration. All of these elements must be completed prior to an eligibility determination for Temporary Assistance.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:  
(attach supporting materials to this form)

The impact of the change is shown on the Orientation, PRP, Job Reg. impact worksheet in Part II of this report, which identifies the number of families each month from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. An average was used to calculate the impact.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -23

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1. Name of eligibility change: New Spouse Income and Resource Disregard
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: August 28, 2015
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

When a Temporary Assistance recipient marries; all income and resources of the new spouse are disregarded for six months when determining continued eligibility for Temporary Assistance. This income and resource disregard is provided for six months and allowable once in the Temporary Assistance recipients' lifetime.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:  
(attach supporting materials to this form)

The impact of the change is shown on the New Spouse Disregard impact worksheet in Part II of this report, which identifies the number of families each month from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. An average was used to calculate the impact.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: +1

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1. Name of eligibility change: Sanction Policy Change for Non-Compliance with Work Activities

2. Implementation date of eligibility change: August 28, 2015

3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

The sanction applied to the Temporary Assistance benefit for non-compliance with work requirements changed from the 25% benefit reduction to a tiered sanction, beginning with a 50% reduction in benefits. Once this reduction is imposed, if non-compliance continues for up to 10 weeks, a full-family sanction is imposed and the Temporary Assistance case is closed.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:  
(attach supporting materials to this form)

The impact of the change is shown on the Sanction Non Compliance Work impact worksheet in Part II of this report, which identifies the number of families each month from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. An average was used to calculate the impact.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -84



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1. Name of eligibility change: TA applicants rejected due to Full Family Sanctions
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: August 28, 2015
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

In this eligibility change, a participant has already lost their TA grant due to a full family sanction. When an individual re-applies for Temporary Assistance after the case was closed due to a full-family sanction, the applicant must complete a work activity for a minimum average of thirty hours for at least one week before becoming eligible for Temporary Assistance.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:  
(attach supporting materials to this form)

The impact of the change is shown on the Apps after Full Family Sanction worksheet in Part II of this report, which identifies the number of families determined ineligible each month from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 due to a Full Family Sanction. An average was used to calculate the impact.

Note: Due to COVID-19 TA applicants that applied with a Full Family Sanction were referred to MWA. The MWA contractors implemented a process that would ensure these sanctioned applicant cases were not rejected due to not completing the needed hours. The goal was to be able to continue to provide supportive services to those participants who could engage in work activities while ensuring those who were not able to actively engage encounter no negative effects. This was implemented from March 13, 2020 through July 31, 2020 and the number will reflect this temporary change.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -2



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1. Name of eligibility change: 45 Month Lifetime limit
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: January 1, 2016
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

Cash assistance from the Temporary Assistance program is limited to 45 months in the payee's lifetime beginning January 1, 2016. From July 1, 1997 through December 31, 2015, the lifetime limit was 60 months. Any month in which an adult receives a cash grant, from any state or in any amount, counts toward his/her lifetime limit, with few exceptions.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:  
(attach supporting materials to this form)

The impact of the change is shown on the 45 Month Lifetime limit impact worksheet in Part II of this report, which identifies the number of families each month from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. An average was used to calculate the impact.

Note: Due to COVID-19 a Temporary Hardship extension was allowed from March 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 for participants that had reached their 45 month lifetime limit. We extended TA benefits to forty nine (49) months through Hardship extension reason family crisis. The increase in participants losing their benefits in June is reflective of the Hardship Extension ending.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 41

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1. Name of eligibility change: Cash Diversion Program
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: January 1, 2016
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

The Cash Diversion is a single lump sum benefit an applicant may opt to receive instead of monthly Temporary Assistance benefits. This payment is intended to resolve a one-time financial need, and to prevent the EU from becoming dependent upon monthly benefits. All other TA eligibility factors must be met, including the lifetime limit. Previously applicants were not offered any cash assistance other than Temporary Assistance.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:  
(attach supporting materials to this form)

The impact of the change is shown on the Diversion impact worksheet in Part II of this report, which identifies the number of families each month from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. An average was used to calculate the impact.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -1

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## PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

(Complete Part 2 using Excel Workbook provided.)

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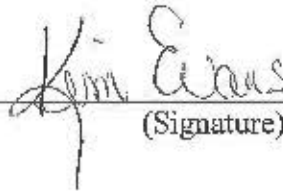
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## PART 3 – Certification

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.

  
(Signature)

  
Kim Evans

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