

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

Date of Completion 12/6/2023

State: Kansas **Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2024**

Overall Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		(check one)		Apply the overall credit to the two-parent participation rate?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Two-parent Report <input type="checkbox"/>					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005

(Complete this section for EACH change)

1. Name of eligibility change: Increase in Earned Income Disregard
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: May 2008
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Prior to the policy change, the first \$90 of earned income and 40 percent of the remaining income was disregarded when determining the family’s benefit. The new policy increased the variable disregard to 60 percent.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form): Cases with earnings were obtained from the Kansas Eligibility Enforcement System. The cases with income between the former and new disregard limits appear in the next table:

Month	Cases
Oct 2022	65
Nov	62
Dec	62
Jan 2023	60
Feb	60
Mar	60
Apr	61
May	69
Jun	69
Jul	75
Aug	75
Sep	70
Average	66

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 66

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1. Name of eligibility change: Five-Month Transitional Payment
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: January 2009
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: A five-month \$50 transitional payment was provided to employed families whose earnings would have resulted in ineligibility for cash assistance. The policy permitted a new five-month payment cycle following the loss and resumption of employment.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form) Cases with the \$50 transitional payment were obtained from the Kansas Eligibility Enforcement System:

Month	Cases
Oct 2022	207
Nov	195
Dec	179
Jan 2023	194
Feb	185
Mar	185
Apr	206
May	200
Jun	187
Jul	183
Aug	182
Sep	204
Average	192

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 192

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1. Name of eligibility change: Inclusion of the Grandparents as Caregivers Program
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: July 2009
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: The separate, state-funded Grandparents as Caregivers Program was included in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families cash assistance Program.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:
(attach supporting materials to this form) Of the 151 Grandparents as Caregivers cases participating in the last month of the program's operation (June 2009), 93 participated in the TANF cash assistance program in the following month, July 2009. The 93 cases represented 2.33 percent of TANF Child-Only Cases. It is not possible to identify the cases that would have chosen the Grandparents as Caregivers Program had the program continued. Therefore, it is assumed that their proportion remains unchanged over time, at 2.33 percent of TANF Child-Only cases. Applying the 2.33 percent to FY 2023 child-only cases results in an estimated impact of 33 average monthly cases.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 39

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1. Name of eligibility change: Applicant Requirements
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: November 2011, July 2013, January 2014
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

November 2011: Applicants were required to complete 20 job contacts per week before their eligibility determination and 20 job contacts per week before meeting with a case manager to develop a self-sufficiency plan.

July 2013: The revised application policy eliminated the pre-eligibility job search requirement. The new policy required clients to register in the State’s public workforce system and complete a work skills assessment. Eligibility was conditioned on completing both the registration and assessment. In addition, because of the work assessment feature in the new policy, the October 2006 Work Readiness Screening policy was discontinued.

January 2014: Clients who failed to register in the workforce system were required to produce a valid excuse.

July 2016: The revised application policy eliminated the requirement for the clients to register in the state’s public workforce system and complete a work skills assessment. The new policy required the completion of a self-assessment form and the completion of an online orientation for employment services.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form) To measure the increase in denials due to the policy, a pre-policy baseline denial rate of 12.3 percent was established based on denials for the *failure to cooperate* and the *failure to complete applicant job search*. The estimated increase in denied cases attributed to the policies was determined by the multiplying the difference between the pre-policy and FY 2020 denial rate by total applications. The estimated increase in denials was cumulated using the attrition curve for new cases (refer to the attachment called Attrition Rate for TANF Cash Assistance Approvals Applicants). The average monthly case impact is summarized in the following table:

Month	Impact on Each Month in FY 2023												Date of Completi	12/05/23
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Grand Total	
Prior Year	-882	-1033	-774	-1231	-1168	-1128	-1091	-1052	-971	-868	-687	-567		
Oct 2022	56	54	50	43	38	35	31	28	26	24	23	21		
Nov		48	44	38	34	31	28	25	23	22	20	19		
Dec			49	42	38	34	31	28	26	24	23	21		
Jan 2023				54	48	43	39	35	33	31	29	27		
Feb					11	10	9	8	7	7	7	6		
Mar						-15	-14	-12	-11	-11	-10	-9		
Apr							-17	-16	-14	-13	-13	-12		
May								10	9	8	8	7		
Jun									0	0	0	0		
Jul										15	14	13		
Aug											10	10		
Sep												20		
Total	-826	-931	-631	-1054	-999	-990	-984	-946	-872	-761	-576	-444	-10014	
													FY 23 monthly average -834.5	

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5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -835

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1. Name of eligibility change: Change in Treatment of VA Compensation for Work Therapy
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: January 2013
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Compensated work therapy benefits from the Veteran’s Administration were treated as earned income rather than unearned income.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form) Because the majority of earned income was disregarded in the benefit determination, the policy’s effect was to increase the qualifying income allowed for cash assistance. The Mann Whitney U Test was used to assess the change in the proportion of cases with VA disability payments. The result indicated a small, but significant, change in the percentage of cases with VA disability payments.

Month	Cases w/ VA Disability Payments	TANF Cases	Denial Rate
Jul 2012	5	9,889	0.051%
Aug	6	9,881	0.061%
Sep	4	9,791	0.041%
Oct	5	9,756	0.051%
Nov	5	9,316	0.054%
Dec	5	9,120	0.055%
Jan 2013	<i>Policy Chg</i>		
Feb	6	8,590	0.070%
Mar	5	8,289	0.060%
Apr	11	8,263	0.133%
May	7	8,018	0.087%
Jun	7	7,790	0.090%
Jul	5	7,794	0.064%

Mann Whitney U Test		
95% confidence level		
	<i>Pre-Policy</i>	<i>Post-Policy</i>
<i>N</i>	6	6
<i>Mean Rank</i>	3.7	9.3
<i>z_U</i>	2.72	
<i>p</i>	0.007	

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The difference between the pre-policy and FY 2023 percentage of cases with veteran’s disability income was multiplied by the total cases in FY 2023 to obtain the caseload impact:

Fiscal Year	Month	Cases w/ VA Disability Payments	Total TANF Cases	Percent	Pre-Policy	Change in Increase	Change in Cases
FY 2023	Oct	0	2964	0.000%	0.052%	-0.05%	(1.5)
	Nov	0	2909	0.000%	0.052%	-0.05%	(1.5)
	Dec	0	2864	0.000%	0.052%	-0.05%	(1.5)
	Jan	0	2787	0.000%	0.052%	-0.05%	(1.4)
	Feb	0	2819	0.000%	0.052%	-0.05%	(1.5)
	Mar	0	2777	0.000%	0.052%	-0.05%	(1.4)
	Apr	0	2769	0.000%	0.052%	-0.05%	(1.4)
	May	0	2746	0.000%	0.052%	-0.05%	(1.4)
	Jun	0	2783	0.000%	0.052%	-0.05%	(1.4)
	Jul	0	2826	0.000%	0.052%	-0.05%	(1.5)
	Aug	0	2913	0.000%	0.052%	-0.05%	(1.5)
	Sep	0	3009	0.000%	0.052%	-0.05%	(1.6)
Average Monthly Cases							(1.5)

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

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1. Name of eligibility change: Suspicion-Based Drug Testing
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: July 2014, January 2019, and May 2019
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

July 2014: TANF applicants, recipients and third-party payees who indicated an unlawful use of controlled substances or analogs were tested for drug use. The indicators of drug use included: arrest records from drug related charges within the last 12 months, employment records (loss of job, failing a drug test, etc., within the last 12 months), self-declaration, visual observation of drug use, observation of drug paraphernalia, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory screen indicators and a prior refusal to take a drug test.

The consequences for both positive drug tests and the refusal to take a drug test were limited to the individual's portion of the case benefit. The progressive consequences for a positive drug test follow:

- 1st positive test: Ineligibility for assistance until the completion of substance abuse treatment and job skills training
- 2nd positive test: 12-month ineligibility and completion of substance abuse treatment and job skills training
- 3rd positive test: Lifetime ineligibility

The consequences for refusing to submit to a drug test follow:

- 1st refusal: 6-month ineligibility and submit to a drug test
- 2nd refusal: 12-month ineligibility and submit to a drug test
- 3rd refusal: Lifetime ineligibility

January 2019: TANF benefits were not to be withheld because of a failure to name a protective payee for the Suspicion Based Drug Testing requirements. Applications were no longer to be denied for failure to provide a protective payee as the agency would assign one if one was not chosen.

May 2019: At first positive drug test, clients will be allowed to enroll in substance abuse treatment and skills training prior to a disqualification being implemented. Only if the individual fails to complete the substance abuse treatment and/or skills training will a disqualification occur. This continues to be counted as a first positive, even if the client does not serve a disqualification period.

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4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form) A special report was developed to track the policy. The cases that closed due to this policy were counted for one quarter. This period represents the average length of stay for new applicants during FY 2023, minus the length of stay the sanctioned cases received assistance before a sanction is imposed.

	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-June	Jul-Sep
Quarter	2022	2023	2023	2023
Oct-Dec '22	(1)			
Jan-Mar '23		-		
Apr-Jun '23			-	
Jul-Sep '23				(5)

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

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1. Name of eligibility change: Time Limit Policies
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: November 2011, July 2015, and July 2016

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3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:
Successive reductions were imposed for the cash assistance time limit. In each case, transition provisions accompanied the new time limit:

November 2011: 48-Month Limit: Cases with more than 60 months of assistance at the time of the policy change were allowed a six-month extension. Cases with 36-59 months of assistance at the time of the policy change received an extension up to 12-months, not to exceed an overall 60 months of assistance. Hardship provision: 12 additional months.

July 2015: 36-Month Limit: Cases with more than 48 months of assistance at the time of the policy change were allowed an extension up to 60 months of assistance.

July 2016: 24-Month Limit: Cases with more than 30 months of assistance at the time of the policy change were allowed an extension up to 48 months.

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4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form) The pre-policy caseload baseline represents the average number of cases exceeding each time limit during the 12 months prior to each policy. The cases in each time limit cohort during the Caseload Reduction Report fiscal year were compared to the pre-policy caseload level to obtain the case impact.

Month	48-Month Time Limit			36-Month Time Limit			24-Month Time Limit			Total Case Decrease
	Pre-Policy Caseload	Cases Over	Case Decrease	Pre-Policy Caseload	Cases Over	Case Decrease	Pre-Policy Caseload	Cases Over	Case Decrease	
	Baseline	49 mos		Baseline	36 mos		Baseline	24 mos		
Oct 2022	1,010	0	-1,010	418	-	-418	444	116	-328	-1,756
Nov	1,010	0	-1,010	418	3	-415	444	119	-325	-1,750
Dec	1,010	0	-1,010	418	5	-413	444	108	-336	-1,759
Jan 2023	1,010	0	-1,010	418	3	-415	444	121	-323	-1,748
Feb	1,010	0	-1,010	418	1	-417	444	120	-324	-1,751
Mar	1,010	0	-1,010	418	-	-418	444	98	-346	-1,774
Apr	1,010	0	-1,010	418	1	-417	444	125	-319	-1,746
May	1,010	0	-1,010	418	1	-417	444	120	-324	-1,751
Jun	1,010	0	-1,010	418	1	-417	444	105	-339	-1,766
Jul	1,010	0	-1,010	418	-	-418	444	92	-352	-1,780
Aug	1,010	0	-1,010	418	2	-416	444	86	-358	-1,784
Sep	1,010	0	-1,010	418	-	-418	444	88	-356	-1,784
Avg Mo Cases			-1,010			-417			-336	-1,762

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5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -1,762

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1. Name of eligibility change: Minimum Benefit
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: August 2017
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: TANF payments where the net benefit is less than \$10 will not be issued for any month, including initial month payments. Prior to this change, initial month net benefits could be less than \$10, but any month after the initial would be denied or closed.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form) To measure the increase in denials due to the policy, a pre-policy baseline rate of .19 percent was established based on the number of cases with a net benefit amount of less than \$10 in the initial program month and the number of applications in that month. The estimated increase in denied cases attributed to the policy was determined by multiplying the difference between the pre-policy and FY 2023 rate by total applications. The estimated increase in denials was cumulated using the attrition curve for new cases (refer to the attachment called Attrition Rate for Minimum Benefit). The average monthly case impact is summarized in the following table:

Time of Clc	Impact on Each Month in FY 2023												Date of Completion: 12/5/2023	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Grand Total	
Prior Year	-23	-20	-17	-15	-13	-11	-10	-9	-7	-6	-6	-5		
Oct 2022	-3	-3	-3	-2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1		
Nov		-3	-3	-2	-2	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1		
Dec			-2	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1		
Jan 2023				-2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1		
Feb					-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1		
Mar						-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1		
Apr							-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1		
May								-1	-1	-1	-1	-1		
Jun									-1	-1	-1	-1		
Jul										-1	-1	-1		
Aug											-1	-1		
Sep												-1		
Total	-26	-26	-25	-23	-21	-17	-17	-17	-16	-16	-17	-17	-239	
Average Monthly Cases													-19.9	

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5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -20

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PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

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Impact of All Changes

Increase in Earned Income Disregard	66
Five-Month Transitional Payment	192
Grandparents as Caregivers	39
Applicant Requirements	-835
Change in Treatment of VA	-1
Suspicion-Based Drug Testing	-2
Time-Limit Policies	-1,762
Minimum Impact	-20

Caseload Reduction Calculation

FY 2005 TANF Caseload	17,622
FY 2005 SSP Caseload	0
Total FY 2005 Caseload	17,622
FY 23 TANF Caseload	2,847
FY 23 SSP Caseload	0
Total FY 23 Caseload	2,847
Excess MOE Cases in FY 23	78
Adjusted FY 23 Caseload	2,769
Caseload Decline	14,853
Decline – Net Impact	12,530

100.0%

Caseload Reduction Credit = **71.1%**

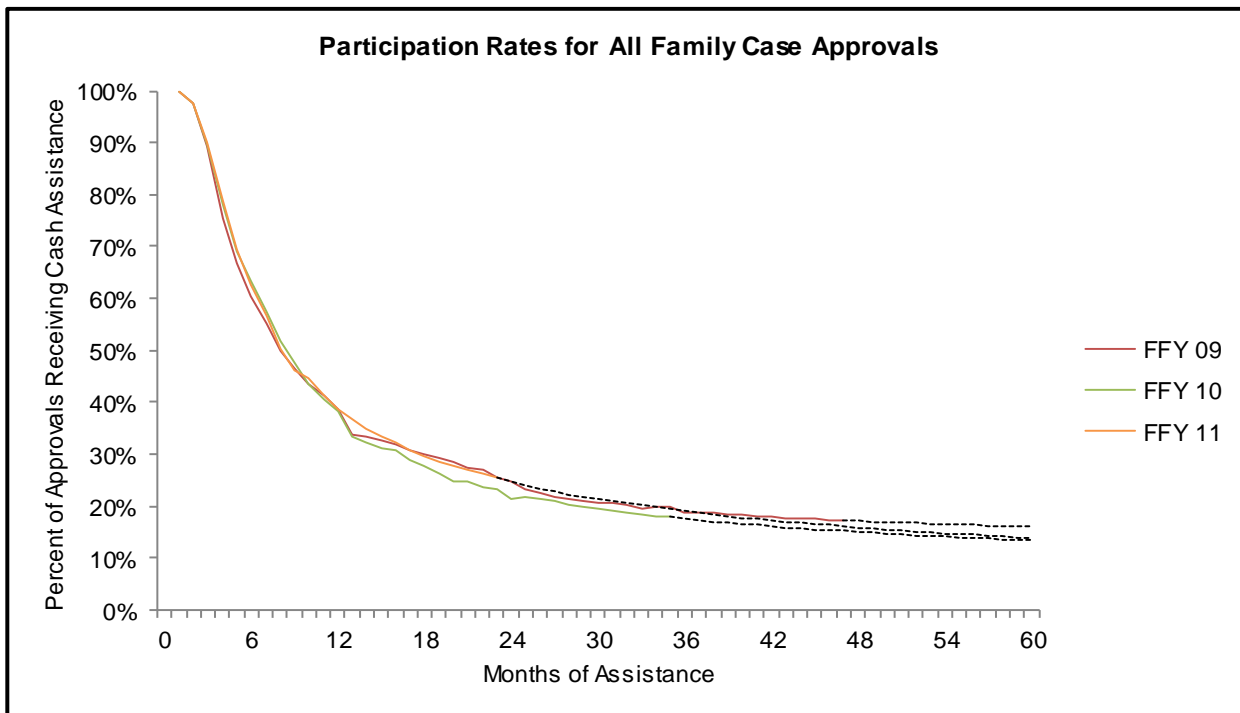
Net Impact -2,323

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Attachment: Attrition Rate for TANF Cash Assistance Approvals Applicants

The caseload impact of an applicant denied assistance extends beyond the month of denial and includes subsequent months for which the case would have otherwise received assistance. Therefore, for policies centering on applications, the participation in cash assistance must be determined.

Approved cases were selected from a month in each quarter during FY 2009 – FY 2011. The cases were followed to obtain the percentage of the initial cases receiving assistance in the ensuing months. A September 2011 endpoint was chosen to isolate the pre-policy participation characteristics from the effects of the application policies beginning in November 2011. The participation rates were completed by curve-fitting (denoted by the dashed lines in the graph) to obtain 48-month and 60-month participation rates. The following graph shows the resulting participation rates by fiscal year for All Family cases:

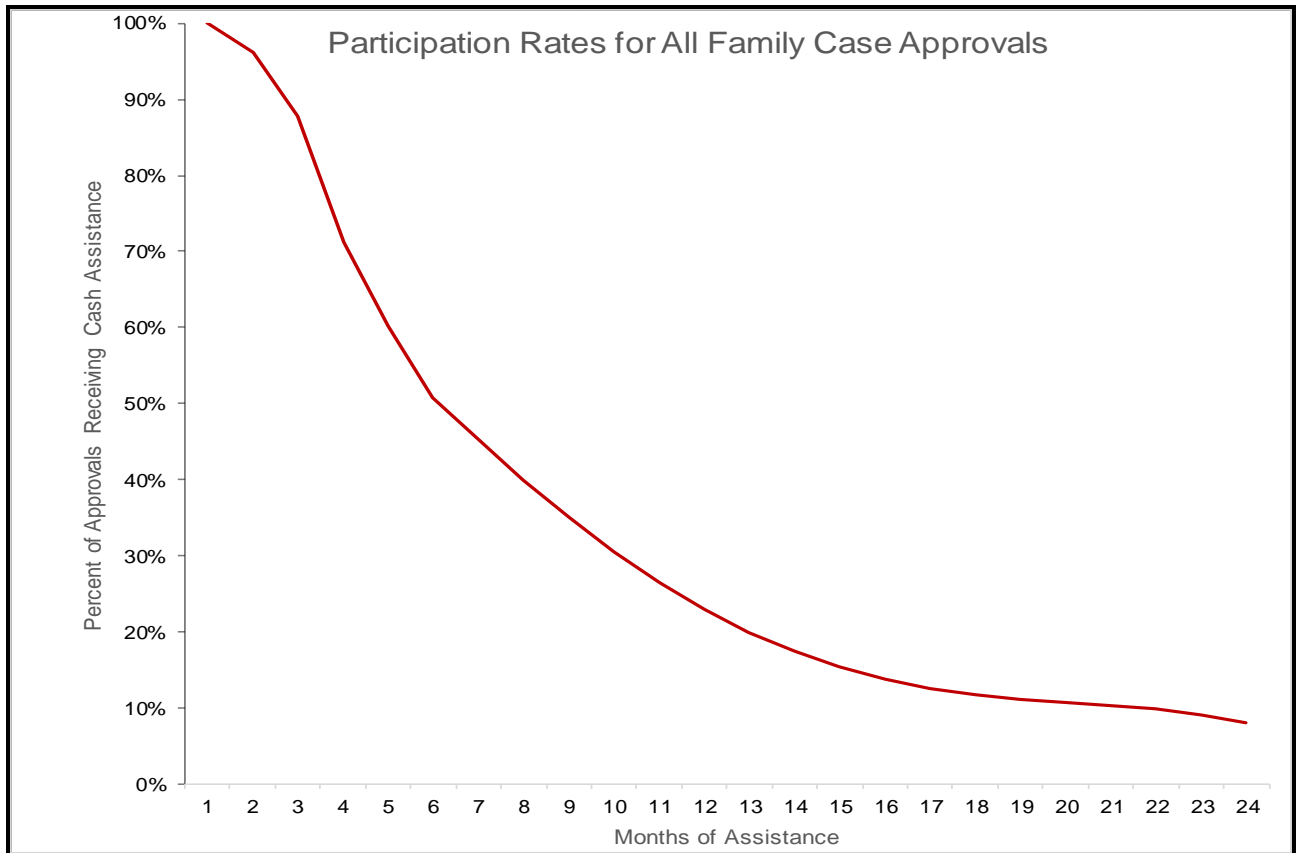


A similar review was performed for One- and Two-Parent Family cases (i.e. those generally mandatory for work participation). The resulting average length of stay on assistance was almost identical to that for All Family cases. The average of the All Family case attrition curves for FY 2009 – FY 2011 was applied to the Work Readiness Screening and Application Requirements policies.

Attachment: Attrition Rate for Minimum Benefit

Approved cases were selected from July 2012, January 2013 and July 2013. The cases were followed to obtain the percentage of the initial cases receiving assistance in the ensuing months through 24 months. The following graph shows the resulting participation rates by fiscal year for All Family cases:

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This attrition curve was applied to the Minimum Benefit Policy.