



## Form ACF-202 TANF Caseload Reduction Report

**Date of Completion:** November 25, 2015

**State:** Kansas

**Fiscal Year To Which Credit Applies:**

2016

1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** Increase in Earned Income Disregard
2. **Implementation Date:** May 2008
3. **Description of 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:** The All Family impact was multiplied by the percentage of two-parent cases (6.3 percent) to estimate the Two-Parent caseload change.
5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year** 8.9

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1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** Five-Month Transitional Payment
2. **Implementation Date:** January 2009
3. **Description of 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:** The All Family impact was multiplied by the percentage of two-parent cases (6.3 percent) to estimate the Two-Parent caseload change.
5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year** 25.6

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1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** Change in Application Process

2. **Implementation Date:** October 2011 and October 2013

3. **Description of Policy:**

**October 2011:** Due to the different policies between the TANF cash assistance and family medical programs the application and determination of medical coverage was separated from the cash assistance program. Eligibility was determined only for the programs requested.

**October 2013:** Revised application forms were created. The new Department for Children and Families application form provided the option of requesting food assistance, cash assistance and child care assistance. Requests for medical assistance had to be made on a separate Kansas Department of Health and Environment application form.

4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** The All Family impact was multiplied by the percentage of two-parent cases (6.3 percent) to estimate the Two-Parent caseload change.

5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year** -113.4

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1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** Application Requirements
2. **Implementation Date:** November 2011, July 2013, January 2014
3. **Description of 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.

4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** The All Family impact was multiplied by the percentage of two-parent cases (6.3 percent) to estimate the Two-Parent caseload change.
5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year** -113.4

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1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** 48-Month Time Limit
2. **Implementation Date:** November 2011
3. **Description of Policy:** The 60-month limit for cash assistance was reduced to 48 months, with a hardship provision for an additional 12 months. Two transitional provisions accompanied the new time limit:
  - Cases with over 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.
4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** The All Family impact was multiplied by the percentage of two-parent cases (6.3 percent) to estimate the Two-Parent caseload change.
5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year** -62.2

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1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** Change in Treatment of VA Compensation for Work Therapy
2. **Implementation Date:** January 2013
3. **Description of 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:** The All Family impact was multiplied by the percentage of two-parent cases (6.3 percent) to estimate the Two-Parent caseload change.
5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year** 0.1

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1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** Suspicion-Based Drug Testing
2. **Implementation Date:** July 2014
3. **Description of Policy:** 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:

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

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

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

4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** The All Family impact was multiplied by the percentage of two-parent cases (6.3 percent) to estimate the Two-Parent caseload change.
5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year** -1.3

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1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** 36-Month Time Limit
2. **Implementation Date:** July 2015
3. **Description of Policy:** The 48-month limit for cash assistance was reduced to 36 months, with a hardship provision for an additional 12 months. Two transitional provisions accompanied the new time limit:
  - Non-hardship cases were granted a six month extension if approved before 7/1/15, not to exceed an overall 48 months of assistance.
  - If a hardship from 48 to 60 months was granted before 7/1/15 and remained appropriate, the case may continue to remain open until 1/31/16, not to exceed an overall 60 months of assistance.
4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** The All Family impact was multiplied by the percentage of two-parent cases (6.3 percent) to estimate the Two-Parent caseload change.
5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year** -0.9

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### Excess MOE Calculation

The TANF regulations allow a proportional adjustment to the caseload reduction credit when the State maintenance of effort expenditure exceeds the required level. (TANF Regulations, §261.43(2)). The calculation below computes the additional credit under this provision. (The acronym "SSP" denotes a separate state TANF program.)

#### Caseload Data

FY 2005 TANF Caseload	17,621.7
FY 2005 SSP Caseload	-
<b>Total FY 2005 Caseload</b>	<b>17,621.7</b>

FY 2015 TANF Caseload	6,098.7
FY 2015 SSP Caseload	-
<b>Total FY 2014 Caseload</b>	<b>6,098.7</b>

#### 2-Parent Caseload Data

FY 2005 2-P TANF Caseload	1,282.8
FY 2005 2-P SSP Caseload	-
<b>Total FY 2005 Caseload</b>	<b>1,282.8</b>

FY 2015 2-P TANF Caseload	387.0
FY 2015 2-P SSP Caseload	-
<b>Total FY 2014 Caseload</b>	<b>387.0</b>

#### Adjusted Caseload Data

Adjusted FY 2015 Overall Caseload	6,023.7
Adjusted FY 2014 2-Parent Caseload	382.2

#### Expenditure Data

<i>Total Expenditures</i>	
FY 2015 Total Federal Expenditures	76,699,561
FY 2015 Total MOE Expenditures	67,641,400
<b>Total Expenditures (Federal + MOE)</b>	<b>144,340,960</b>

#### Assistance Expenditures

FY 2015 Federal Expenditures on Assistance	40,416,029
FY 2015 MOE Expenditures on Assistance	5,218,671
<b>Total Expenditures on Assistance (Federal + MOE)</b>	<b>45,634,700</b>
Percentage of Expenditures on Assistance	31.6%

#### Expenditures Per Case

Average Expenditures per Case	23,668
Average Expenditures per Case on Assistance	7,483

#### MOE and Excess MOE

Required MOE (80%)	65,866,230
Excess MOE Expenditures	1,775,170
Excess MOE Expenditures on Assistance	561,236

Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE	75.0
2-Parent Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE	4.8

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**Part 2 - Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit**

**Impact of All Eligibility-Related Policy Changes**

**Caseload Reduction Calculation**

Work Readiness Screen	(11.4)	<b>Base Year Caseload</b>		
Earned Income Disregard	8.9	FY 2005 TANF Caseload	1,282.8	
\$50 Transitional Payments	25.6	FY 2005 SSP Caseload	-	
Addition of Grandparents as Caregivers	-	<hr/>		
Applicant Requirements	(113.4)	Total FY 2005 Caseload	1,282.8	
Tiered CSE and Work Requirements Sanctions	-	<b>Caseload in Prior Fiscal Year</b>		
48-month time limit and 60-Mo Hardship	(62.2)	FY 2015 TANF Caseload	387.0	
Change in Treatment of VA Compensated Work Therapy	0.1	FY 2015 SSP Caseload	-	
36-month time limit	(0.9)	<hr/>		
Disqualified for Fraud	-	Total FY 2015 Caseload	387.0	
Citizenship Verification	-	Excess MOE Cases in FY 2014	4.8	
Vehicle Resource	-	<hr/>		
Child Support Penalty Revision	-	Adjusted FY 2014 Caseload	382.2	
Verify School Enrollment Revision 2	-	Caseload Decline	900.6	70.2%
Suspicion-Based Drug Testing	(1.3)			
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Total	(154.6)	Impact of Policy Changes	(154.6)	
		Decline – Net Impact	746.0	
		Caseload Reduction Credit		58.2%

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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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