

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

State: New Mexico	Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2011
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Overall Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (check one) Two-parent Report <input type="checkbox"/>	Apply the overall credit to the two-parent participation rate? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
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PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005
(Complete this section for EACH change)

1. Name of eligibility change: **Eliminating the excess hours worked disregard**
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: **July 1, 2008**
3. **Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:** House Bill 342, which proposed to eliminate the excess hours worked disregarded, passed in the 2007 Regular Legislative Session. This bill made changes to the New Mexico Works Act (NMSA 27-2B-7 (F)) in which the excess hours worked disregarded was eliminated. This portion of the New Mexico Works Act stated that the department shall apply the following income disregards to the benefit group's earned income and then subtract that amount from the benefit group's financial standard of need: (1) for the first two years of receiving cash assistance or services, if a participant works over the work requirement rate set by the department pursuant to the New Mexico Works Act, one hundred percent of the income earned by the participant beyond that rate; and (2) for the first two years of receiving cash assistance or services, for a two-parent benefit group in which one parent works over thirty-five hours per week and the other works over twenty-four hours per week, one hundred percent of income earned by each participant beyond the work requirement rate set by the department.
4. **Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form):** The FFY 2008 monthly impact is 18. Per ISD2 report HIJ52I01, 24 Months of Excess Hours Work Deduction Reached, the number of cases that would have been closed in July due to the excess hours work disregard would have been 38. This figure was also used for August and September. A decay factor was applied to this figure.

Please see impact table.

The caseload figure for this program was “taken out” of the average FFY 2008 caseload for Caseload Reduction Credit comparison to FFY 2005.

Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 18

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1. Name of eligibility change: **Employment Retention and Advancement Bonus Program**
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: **July 1, 2008**
3. **Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:** House Bill 342, which passed in the 2007 Regular Legislative Session, proposed to eliminate the excess hours worked disregarded and replaced it with the Employment Retention and Advancement Bonus Program. This bill made changes to the New Mexico Works Act (NMSA 27-2B-G (G)). The Transition Bonus Program provides a fixed \$200.00 monthly cash benefit to eligible existing or past TANF households that are currently employed. Eligible households receive support services; be subject to a 18 month lifetime limit; be categorically eligible for SNAP; and be required to meet a six month eligibility requirement.

Applicants must meet initial eligibility in order to qualify for the Transition Bonus Program. These requirements are TANF/NMW non-financial eligibility (i.e. relationship, citizenship, etc); cannot be simultaneously participating in another cash assistance program; have received at least 3 months of TANF/NMW of which one must have been within the past three months; currently working a minimum of 30 hours per week, averaged over a month; have not received more than 18 months of the Transition Bonus Program or 60 months of TANF/NMW in a lifetime; gross earnings less than 150% of FPG.
4. **Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form):** The FFY 2008 monthly impact is -34. Per ISD2 report HIF77I11, Retention Bonus Monthly Report, the number of cases that were put on the Employment Retention and Advancement Bonus Program in July was 258; August was 66; September was 78.

A decay factor was not applied because the report provides cumulative figures and therefore takes decay into consideration. Please see impact table.

The caseload figure for this program was “added back” to the average FFY 2008 caseload for Caseload Reduction Credit comparison to FFY 2005.

Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -34

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1. Name of eligibility change: **Non MOE NMW 2 parent/exempt**
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: **July 1, 2007**
3. **Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:** Implementation of Non MOE NMW 2 parent exempt program. Effective July 1, 2007, a certain number of two parent families and state exempt cases were paid out of state funds (non MOE) and no longer included in the participation rate. This is not a separate state program. The average monthly Non MOE NMW 2 parent/exempt would normally have been added to the State’s overall assistance caseload, so for the purposes of the Caseload Reduction Credit they are “added back” to the average FFY 2008.
4. **Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form):** The following table has the number of cases shifted to this program. The actual monthly number of cases was averaged for the year to determine the FFY average

Month	Total Cases
Oct-07	1,450
Nov-07	1,848
Dec-07	1,828
Jan-08	1,213
Feb-08	1,284
Mar-08	1,203
Apr-08	1,299
May-08	1,300
Jun-08	1,301
Jul-08	1,300
Aug-08	1,302
Sep-08	1,300
Total FFY 2008	16,628
Average FFY 2008	1,386

The caseload figure for this program was “added back” to the average FFY 2008 caseload for Caseload Reduction Credit comparison to FFY 2005.

Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -1,386

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1. Name of eligibility change: **Increase in TANF Standard of Need**
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: **January 1, 2008**
3. **Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:** Increase of TANF Standard of Need by 15 percent.
4. **Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form):** Analysis shows there is a slight correlation between the increase of TANF Standard of Need to caseload but unable to quantify the amount.

4. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 0

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PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

Please see attachment.

Per TANF-ACF-PI-2009-02, we will be using the FY 2008 as the comparison year.

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Overall Credit

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	New Mexico			Fiscal Year to which credit applies:		2011
2	COMPARISON YR: FFY 2008			Date of Completion:	12/21/2010	
3	PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit					
4						
5	Impact of All Changes			Caseload Reduction Calculation		
6				FY 2005 TANF Caseload	17,566	
7	Employment Retention and Advancement Bonus P			FY 2005 SSP Caseload	0	
8		-34		Total FY 2005 Caseload	17,566	
9				FY 2008 TANF Caseload	12,983	
10				FY 2008 SSP Caseload	0	
11	Eliminating the excess hours worked disregard			Total FY 2008 Caseload	12,983	
12		18		Excess MOE Cases in FY 2010	720	
13				Adjusted FY 2010 Caseload	12,263	
14	2 parent non MOE NMW 2 parent & exempt			Caseload Decline	5,303	30.2%
15		-1,386		Decline – Net Impact	3,902	
16						
17				Caseload Reduction Credit =		22.2%
18						
19				Participation rate needed to meet:		27.8%
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26	Net Impact	-1,401				
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28						

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Eliminating the excess hours worked disregard

Date of Completion: 12/21/2010

		Impact on Each Month in FY 2008														
		Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep			
Time of Closure																
Prior years carryover																
Oct																
Nov																
Dec																
Jan																
Feb																
Mar																
Apr																
May																
Jun																
Jul											38	35	33			
Aug											38	38	35			
Sep													38			
Total		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	73	106	Grand Total	217	
														FY 2008 monthly average		18

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Two-Parent Credit**

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	New Mexico			Fiscal Year to which credit applies:		2011
2	COMPARISON YR: FFY 2008			Date of Completion:	12/21/2010	
3	PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit -- 2-Parent Caseload					
4						
5	<u>Impact of All Changes</u>			<u>Caseload Reduction Calculation</u>		
6				FY 2005 TANF 2-Parent Caseload	812	
7				FY 2005 SSP 2-Parent Caseload	0	
8				Total FY 2008 Caseload	812	
9				FY 2009 TANF 2-Parent Caseload	290	
10				FY 2009 SSP 2-Parent Caseload	0	
11				Total FY 2010 2-Parent Caseload	290	
12				Excess MOE 2-Parent Cases in FY 20	16	
13				Adjusted FY 2010 Caseload	274	
14				Caseload Decline	538	66.3%
15				Decline – Net Impact	538	
16						
17				2-Parent Caseload Reduction Credit =		66.3%
18						
19				Participation rate needed to meet:		23.7%
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26	Net Impact		0			
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Excess MOE Worksheet**

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	New Mexico			Fiscal Year to which credit applies:		2011
2	COMPARISON YR: FFY 2008			Date of Completion:		12/21/2010
3	Excess MOE Calculation Worksheet					
4						
5	Caseload Data			Expenditure Data		
6	FY 2005 TANF Caseload	17,566		Total Expenditures		
7	FY 2005 SSP Caseload	0		FY 2008 Total Federal Expenditures		\$86,624,362
8	Total FY 2005 Caseload	17,566		FY 2008 Total MOE Expenditures		\$42,068,072
9	FY 2008 TANF Caseload	12,983		Total Expenditures (Federal + MOE)		\$128,692,434
10	FY 2008 SSP Caseload	0				
11	Total FY 2008 Caseload	12,983		Assistance Expenditures		
12				FY 2008 Federal Expenditures on Assistance		\$62,709,095
13	2-Parent Caseload Data			FY 2008 MOE Expenditures on Assistance		\$4,751,696
14	FY 2005 2-p TANF Caseload	812		Total Expenditures on Assistance (Federal + MOE)		\$67,460,791
15	FY 2005 2-p SSP Caseload	0		Percentage of Expenditures on Assistance		52.42%
16	Total FY 2005 Caseload	812				
17	FY 2008 2-p TANF Caseload	290		Expenditures Per Case		
18	FY 2008 2-p SSP Caseload	0		Average Expenditures per Case		\$9,912
19	Total FY 2008 Caseload	290		Average Expenditures per Case on Assistance		\$5,196
20						
21				MOE and Excess MOE		
22				Required MOE (80% or 75%)		\$34,931,500
23				Excess MOE Expenditures		\$7,136,572
24				Excess MOE Expenditures on Assistance		\$3,741,003
25	Adjusted Caseload Data					
26	Adjusted FY 2008 Overall Caseload	12,263		Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE		720
27	Adjusted FY 2008 2-parent Caseload	274		2-Parent Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE		16
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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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12/27/2010

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