

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT**Date of Completion: October 14, 2020****State: New Mexico****Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2021**Overall Report (check one)
Two-parent Report Apply the overall credit to the two-parent participation rate? yes
 no**PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005**

(Complete this section for EACH change)

1. Name of eligibility change: Good Cause Exemptions from work requirements
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: March 20, 2020
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: In response to the Governor of New Mexico Stay at Home Order and the NM Department of Health Public Health Emergency Orders in response to COVID19, New Mexico applied good cause and suspended sanctions to those TANF participants who are not complying with the TANF work program requirement.
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 Good Cause Exemptions from work requirements was estimated by using the average monthly number of 3rd level sanctions from October 2019 to February 2020. We used period because it reflects sanctions frequency prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. The average number of 3rd level sanctions during this period is calculated 3.1% of the average caseload in FFY20, which is 327 for All Family households and 25 for 2 parent households. The caseload data was obtained from the TANF Monthly Sample Aggregate Report (DRT-03), and the 3rd level sanction closures data was obtained from a statewide closures report developed by a contractor working with the State of New Mexico's TANF program.
5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 327

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1. Name of eligibility change: **15% Budgetary Adjustment to the Monthly Benefit Amount**

2. Implementation date of eligibility change: January 1, 2011

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

Effective January 1, 2011, HSD implemented a new methodology to calculate the monthly benefit allotment which includes reducing the allotment by 15%. The monthly benefit allotment for TANF, Education Works and the state funded cash assistance programs (i.e. State Funded Aliens and General Assistance for the Unrelated Child Households) was reduced. For example, currently the payment standard for a household of three is \$447. With the new methodology reducing the payment standard 15% or, in this example \$67, the resulting maximum monthly benefit allotment for a family of three is now \$380.00.

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

In FY 2016, TANF Maximum Monthly Benefits returned to a higher amount than that which was in place in 2005. The 15% Budgetary Adjustment was reduced to 7.5% in October 2015. Therefore, an impact of zero is being reported.

Effective July 1, 2018, the Budgetary Adjustment to the Monthly Benefit Amount was reduced from 7.5% to 0%. Therefore an impact of zero is being reported.

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

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT**Date of Completion: October 14, 2020****State: New Mexico****Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2021**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 Disregard, 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 Disregard 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)

To estimate the impact of the eliminating the Excess Hours Worked Disregard, the state assumes that the proportion of cases qualifying for this disregard would have been the same as the proportion of cases qualifying for the Transition Bonus, a similar policy in place in FY 2010 and described on page three. In FY 2010, 3.64% of the caseload qualified for the Transition Bonus. Therefore, it is assumed that the caseload impact of eliminating this disregard is 3.64% of the FY 2020 caseload, or 386 cases, for all families and 26 cases for 2 parent households.

5. Estimate average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -386

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT**Date of Completion: October 14, 2020****State: New Mexico****Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2021**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 Disregard and replaced it with the Employment Retention and Advancement Bonus Program (herein, "Transition 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 receiving support services must: be subject to an 18 month lifetime limit; be categorically eligible for the Food Stamp Program; 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.

Due to budgetary constraints, this program was suspended effective January 31, 2011

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

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

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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 the Non MOE NMW 2 parent/exempt program. Effective July 1, 2007, a certain number of two parent families, state exempt cases, and new approvals were paid out of state funds (non MOE) and are no longer included in the participation rate. This is not a separate state program. Effective July 1, 2012, the state stopped funding this program; therefore, June 2012 was the final month in which cases were removed from the TANF universe

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

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

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Date of Completion December 18, 2018

State: New Mexico **Fiscal Year to which credit applies:** 2019

PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

(Complete Part 2 using Excel Workbook provided.)

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Overall Credit

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	New Mexico			Fiscal Year to which credit applies:			2021
2				Date of Completion:	10/14/2020		
3	PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit						
4							
5	<u>Impact of All Changes</u>			<u>Caseload Reduction Calculation</u>			
6	Excess Hours Disregard	-386		FY 2005 TANF Caseload	17,566		
7	Good Cause Exemptions from work requirements	327		FY 2005 SSP Caseload			
8				Total FY 2005 Caseload	17,566		
9				FY TANF Caseload	10,589		
10				FY SSP Caseload			
11				Total FY Caseload	10,589		
12				Excess MOE Cases in FY	2,322		
13				Adjusted FY Caseload	8,267		
14				Caseload Decline	9,299	52.9%	
15				Decline – Net Impact	9,240		
16							
17				Caseload Reduction Credit =		52.6%	
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26	Net Impact	-59					
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31	OMB Control No.: 0970-0338					Expiration Date:	08/31/2020

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Two-Parent Credit**

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	New Mexico			Fiscal Year to which credit applies:		
2				Date of Completion:	10/14/2020	
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	Excess Hours Disregard	-26		FY 2005 TANF 2-Parent Caseload	812	
7	Good Cause Exemptions from work requirements	25		FY 2005 SSP 2-Parent Caseload		
8				Total FY 2005 Caseload	812	
9				FY TANF 2-Parent Caseload	817	
10				FY SSP 2-Parent Caseload		
11				Total FY 2-Parent Caseload	817	
12				Excess MOE 2-Parent Cases in FY	349	
13				Adjusted FY Caseload	468	
14				Caseload Decline	344	42.4%
15				Decline – Net Impact	343	
16						
17				2-Parent Caseload Reduction Credit =		42.2%
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26	Net Impact		-1			
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	Average T	Average M	Average M	Impact of F	Excess Hours Estimate	
FY 2010	19,101	696	19,797	3.64%	696	
FY 2020	10,589	-	10,589	3.64%	386	Are these cases that were closed due to the program?

Notes:

The 2010 impact of the Transition Bonus was used to estimate the impact of the the Excess Hours Policy. (This was the last full year of the Transition Bonus.) In 2010, the transition bonus made up 3.64% of the caseload. It is assumed that cases on Excess Hours would make up 3.64% of the FY 2020 caseload. The monthly impact is estimated to be 386 cases.

	Impact	Caseload	% of Caseload
All Family	386	10,589	100.00%
Two Parent	30	817	7.70%

Average Caseload for FFY20													
	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	FFY20 Average
All Family	10,023	9,901	9,922	9,851	9,497	9,433	10,853	11,395	11,493	11,643	11,608	11,453	10,589
2 Parent	640	658	660	662	624	641	938	1,044	981	973	998	983	817

Source: DRT-03 TANF Monthly Sample Aggregate Report, ASPEN

3rd level Sanction Closures (All Family)	319	304	350	337	327								327
3rd level Sanction Closures (2 Parent)													25
													Percent of Average Caseload
													3.1%

Source: Creative Work Solutions' Monthly Reports>Statewide Closure Report

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Excess MOE Worksheet

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	New Mexico			Fiscal Year to which credit applies:		
2				Date of Completion:		10/14/2020
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 Total Federal Expenditures		\$60,639,038
8	Total FY 2005 Caseload	17,566		FY Total MOE Expenditures		\$106,212,536
9	FY TANF Caseload	10,589		Total Expenditures (Federal + MOE)		\$166,851,574
10	FY SSP Caseload	0				
11	Total FY Caseload	10,589		Assistance Expenditures		
12				FY Federal Expenditures on Assistance		\$29,105,426
13	2-Parent Caseload Data			FY MOE Expenditures on Assistance		\$6,687,859
14	FY 2005 2-p TANF Caseload	812		Total Expenditures on Assistance (Federal + MOE)		\$35,793,285
15	FY 2005 2-p SSP Caseload	0		Percentage of Expenditures on Assistance		21.45%
16	Total FY 2005 Caseload	812				
17	FY 2-p TANF Caseload	817		Expenditures Per Case		
18	FY 2-p SSP Caseload	0		Average Expenditures per Case		\$15,757
19	Total FY Caseload	817		Average Expenditures per Case on Assistance		\$3,380
20						
21				MOE and Excess MOE		
22				Required MOE (80% or 75%)		\$34,931,522
23				Excess MOE Expenditures		\$71,281,014
24				Excess MOE Expenditures on Assistance		\$15,291,325
25	Adjusted Caseload Data					
26	Adjusted FY Overall Caseload	6,065		Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE		4,524
27	Adjusted FY 2-parent Caseload	468		2-Parent Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE		349
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