



## TANF 1101-2

### Working Caretaker Relative Child Care

**Supersedes:** TANF 1101-2 (11/1/18)

**Reference:** 45 CFR Part 98; P. L. 104-193; HOUSE BILL 676: ARM 37.80.201 and .202; MCA-53-4-221

**Overview:** The Working Caretaker Relative Child Care program assists with child care costs for specified caretaker relatives who receive child-only TANF grants when child care is needed for the child(ren) receiving TANF cash assistance. Households must pass a net income limit of 250% of the current Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to be eligible.

Child care services are provided from the initial TANF determination through the end of the TANF eligibility period to:

1. Children age 12 or younger at the time of TANF determination; and
2. Special needs children age 18 or younger.

A \$75 monthly co-payment is required. Failure to pay the co-payment results in loss of TANF child care assistance.

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

To qualify for the Working Caretaker Relative Child Care program, the specified caretaker relative must:

1. Be receiving child only TANF for the minor child(ren) requesting child care assistance;
2. Be employed a minimum of 60 hours per month or 120 hours per month with two caretaker relatives. Both caretaker relatives do not need to be employed to meet this requirement; one caretaker relative can meet the 120-hour requirement or a combination of the 120-hour requirement between the two caretaker relatives;
3. Meet the income eligibility requirement of 250% of the current FPL; and
4. Pay a monthly \$75 co-payment to the child care provider.

Within 30 days of referral to the CCR&R, the specified caretaker relative must complete a child care application and all other child care mandatory paperwork.

#### **START DATE OF BENEFITS:**

The child care start date is the first date the specified caretaker relative meets TANF child-only eligibility criteria and requests referral to the CCR&R.

**REDETERMINATION:**

Eligibility for the Working Caretaker Relative Child Care program must be re-evaluated during the annual TANF redetermination.

**Effective Date:** May 1, 2021