



103-7 Tribal TANF Plans

Supersedes:	TANF 103-7 (01/01/06)
References:	45 CFR 286.1 and .15; ARM 37.78.102
Overview:	<p><u>GENERAL RULE</u>—Public Law 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) allows each Indian tribe to develop a tribal temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) plan. Tribal TANF plans are federally funded. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT), the Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC), the Chippewa and Cree Tribe (CCTT), and the Blackfeet Nation (BL) have developed such a plan.</p>
CONFEDERATE SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES	<p>To be considered eligible for the CSKT (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes) TANF Plan, the family must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contain at least one enrolled member of the CSKT (Flathead Nation) and • reside within the geographical boundaries of the Flathead Reservation. <p>CSKT staff of the Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) located in Pablo, Montana, administers the CSKT TANF Plan.</p> <p>NOTE: Tribal TANF benefits received under the CSKT Tribal TANF Plan are countable towards the TANF 60-month time limit as the Flathead Reservation does not qualify for the federal exclusion based on having less than 50% unemployment rate.</p> <p>Effective Date of Plan: 2/1/99</p>
FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY	<p>To be considered eligible for the (FBIC Fort Belknap Indian Community) TANF Plan, the family must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contain at least one enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe and • reside in Blaine County or on the Fort Belknap reservation in Phillips County (even if the mailing address is Harlem or Dodson). <p>The FBIC TANF Plan is administered by FBIC staff located in Fort Belknap and an out stationed office located in Havre, Montana.</p> <p>NOTE: Tribal TANF benefits received under the FBIC Tribal TANF Plan are not countable towards the TANF 60-month time limit unless the household is living in Dodson or Harlem.</p> <p>Effective Date of Plan: 10/1/00</p>
CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBES	<p>To be considered for the CCTT (Chippewa Cree Tribes) Tribal TANF Plan, the family must:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • include at least one child or caretaker relative (excluding step-parents) who is enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe and • reside in Hill County; or reside in that portion of Choteau County, Montana, within the exterior boundaries of the Tribe’s Reservation. <p>The Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee located in Box Elder, Montana, Rocky Boy’s Reservation, administers the CCTT Plan.</p> <p>NOTE: Tribal TANF benefits received under the CCTT Tribal TANF Plan are not countable towards the TANF 60-month time limit unless the household is living in Hill County but is not living within the geographical boundaries of the reservation.</p> <p>Effective Date of Plan: 11/1/04</p>
BLACKFEET NATION	<p>To be considered eligible for the BL (Blackfeet Nation) Tribal TANF program, the family must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contain only enrolled members of the Blackfeet Nation and • reside ‘on and near’ the Blackfeet Reservation, as defined by the Federal government. The service area will include all communities within the exterior boundaries of the Blackfeet Reservation, as well as the communities of Cut Bank, Valier and Dupuyer. <p>The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council (BTBC), P O Box 850, Browning, MT 59417, and the Blackfeet Manpower Department administer the Blackfeet Tribal TANF Program.</p> <p>NOTE: Tribal TANF benefits received under the Blackfeet Tribal TANF Plan are not countable towards the TANF 60-month time limit unless the household is living in a community served by the Blackfeet Tribal Plan but does not reside within the geographical boundaries of the reservation. (Example: Cut Bank, Valier and Dupuyer)</p> <p>Initial Effective Date of Plan: 08/01/05 Effective Date of New Plan: 01/01/07</p>
ACCESSING OTHER PROGRAMS/ BENEFITS	<p>Food Stamp and Medicaid benefits for families receiving Tribal benefits will be determined by a state Eligibility Case Manager.</p>
ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION	<p>The Tribal TANF worker will determine eligibility and issue Tribal TANF cash assistance benefits for those families meeting the Tribal TANF Plan criteria. The Tribal Individual Family Plan (IFP) or Tribal Assistance Plan (TAP) will be used in place of the Family Investment Agreement/WoRC Employability Plan (FIA/EP). The Tribal TANF worker will also evaluate childcare assistance for qualified families.</p>
TANF-60 CLOCKS	<p>Each month of Tribal TANF (cash) assistance may count as one month of assistance against the TANF clock. (Refer to TANF 803-1)</p>

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