



1203-1 Expungement of EBT Benefits

Supersedes:	TANF 1203-1 (07/01/05)
References:	ARM 37.78.101; 37.78.102; MCA 17-8-303
Overview:	<p>GENERAL RULE - Warrants issued for the Department of Public Health and Human Services, funded to any extent with federal money, must be presented for payment within 180 days after the date of issue. After that, the warrant is considered stale dated and can no longer be cashed. TANF cash benefits received via an EBT card are considered, in this instance, to be the same as a benefit issued by a paper check</p> <p>At the application interview, the Eligibility Case Manager must include an explanation of the policy regarding “expungement” of benefits after the period of inactivity’. It would be appropriate as part of the discussion of the optional payment methods.</p> <p>Checks will no longer be issued for expunged benefits through DPHHS. The participant can retrieve remaining benefit amounts greater than \$10 through the Department of Administration’s stale-dated warrant process.</p> <p>NOTE: A balance of less than \$10 will be permanently expunged at the end of the month in which the 180th day occurs. The ‘stale-dated warrant’ procedure is not available in this situation.</p>
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