



901-1 Child Care Assistance

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| Supersedes: | TANF 901-(07/01/09) |
| References: | 45 CFR Part 98; P. L. 104-193; ARM 37.78.102; ARM 37.80.201, .202 |
| Overview: | <p><u>GENERAL RULE</u> --TANF Block Grant Child Care (BGCC) is available to eligible TANF cash assistance participants engaged in approved Family Investment Agreement/WoRC Employability Plan (FIA/EP) activities with a demonstrated need for childcare. Each family receiving TANF Block Grant Child Care assistance is required to pay a \$10 per month co-payment. Failure to pay the \$10 per month co-payment will result in loss of child care assistance.</p> <p>NOTE: When determining eligibility for TANF cash assistance, the amount of anticipated child care expenses, which will be paid by the household, is considered an earned income disregard (TANF 602-1).</p> |
| CHILD CARE FOR ALLOWABLE WORK ACTIVITIES (FIA/EP) | <p>If the participant needs child care assistance in order to comply with the allowable work activities negotiated on the Family Investment Agreement/Employability Plan (FIA/EP), the cost is paid by the State, with (FIA/EP) the exception of the co-payment. The children <u>must be in the assistance unit</u>.</p> <p>Child care assistance will also be provided for minor children not included in the assistance unit if the caretaker relative needs child care in order to comply with allowable work activities. This would include those children receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Title IV-E Foster Care, or not included in the assistance unit for failing an eligibility requirement</p> |
| CHILD CARE HIGH SCHOOL/GED | <p>Child care assistance for attendance hours at a secondary school will also be provided, if needed, for teen parents living with a specified caretaker relative. For example, a teen parent lives with her father and attends secondary school. Because she is attending full-time high school or full-time Graduate Equivalency Diploma (GED) classes, she is not required to have a FIA/EP. However, she needs childcare to continue attending school; therefore child care assistance will be provided.</p> |
| CHILD CARE DURING NPI | <p>When the Not Participating Incapacity activity is chosen, child care may be approved provided the individual has a demonstrated need. The individual must submit a statement from a qualified mental health or medical provider, who is currently providing treatment, indicating the need for child care. The WoRC monitor will review the information provided and approve or deny the request.</p> |
| CHILD CARE PRIOR TO TANF APPROVAL | <p>If an applicant for TANF cash assistance has not been approved for TANF at the time of negotiation of the Employability Plan (EP), but is in need of child care in order to begin participating in the negotiated activities, an immediate referral for TANF child care assistance should be made to the Resource and Referral (R&R) agency. Child care assistance can be approved for up to 30 days.</p> <p>NOTE: If the applicant is later denied TANF cash assistance, they will not incur an overpayment for the child care services.</p> |
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