TANF 1101-2
Working Caretaker Relative Child Care

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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 (120 hours per month in a 2-parent household);
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.

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