

**FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT**

**Date of Completion: 15 December 2011**

**State: New Mexico** **Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2012**

Overall Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (check one) Two-parent Report <input type="checkbox"/>	Apply the overall credit to the two-parent participation rate? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no</span>
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**PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005**  
(Complete this section for EACH change)

1. Name of eligibility change: **Clothing Allowance Decrease**
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: **January 1, 2011**
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: **Due to budgetary constraints during Federal Fiscal Year 2011, the issuance of a clothing allowance was decreased from twice a year in January and August in the amount of \$100 for school age children in an active TANF benefit group to one annual issuance at an unspecified amount. The policy now reflects that the Department may issue a clothing allowance if the Department determines it is financially able. Additionally, the policy no longer identifies the frequency or the amount of the clothing allowance issuance.**
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form):

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: **0**

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1. Name of eligibility change: **15% Budgetary Adjustment to the Monthly Benefit Amount**
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: **January 1, 2011**
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: **Effective January 1, 2011, HSD implemented a new methodology to calculate the monthly benefit allotment which includes reducing the allotment by 15%. The monthly benefit allotment for TANF, Education Works and the state funded cash assistance programs (i.e. State Funded Aliens and General Assistance for the Unrelated Child Households) was reduced. For example, currently the payment standard for a household of three is \$447. With the new methodology reducing the payment standard 15% or, in this example \$67, the resulting maximum monthly benefit allotment for a family of three is now \$380.00.**
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:  
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5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 0

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1. Name of eligibility change: **Suspension of the Transition Bonus Program**
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: **January 31, 2011**
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: **The Transition Bonus program provided a \$200 monthly bonus instead of a monthly cash assistance payment to active TANF households who were working a minimum of 30 hours per week with a gross income less than 150% of the Federal Poverty Limit. Due to budgetary constraints, this program was suspended effective January 31, 2011.**
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:  
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5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 0

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1. Name of eligibility change: **Suspension of Certain Support Service Reimbursements**
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: **November 1, 2010**
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: **Reimbursement of the following Support Services were suspended due to the lack of funds:**
  - **Initial month state funded child care reimbursement while pending placement with CYFD child care assistance;**
  - **Transportation advance and standard reimbursement;**
  - **Vocational training and education expense reimbursement;**
  - **Test fees; and**
  - **\$300 one time employment related expense allocation.**
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:  
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5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 0

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1. Name of eligibility change: **Eliminating the excess hours worked disregard**
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: **July 1, 2008**
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: House Bill 342, which proposed to eliminate the excess hours worked disregarded, passed in the 2007 Regular Legislative Session. This bill made changes to the New Mexico Works Act (NMSA 27-2B-7 (F)) in which the excess hours worked disregarded was eliminated. This portion of the New Mexico Works Act stated that the department shall apply the following income disregards to the benefit group's earned income and then subtract that amount from the benefit group's financial standard of need: (1) for the first two years of receiving cash assistance or services, if a participant works over the work requirement rate set by the department pursuant to the New Mexico Works Act, one hundred percent of the income earned by the participant beyond that rate; and (2) for the first two years of receiving cash assistance or services, for a two-parent benefit group in which one parent works over thirty-five hours per week and the other works over twenty-four hours per week, one hundred percent of income earned by each participant beyond the work requirement rate set by the department.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form):

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 0

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1. Name of eligibility change: Employment Retention and Advancement Bonus Program
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: July 1, 2008
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: House Bill 342, which passed in the 2007 Regular Legislative Session, proposed to eliminate the excess hours worked disregarded and replaced it with the Employment Retention and Advancement Bonus Program. This bill made changes to the New Mexico Works Act (NMSA 27-2B-G (G)). The Transition Bonus Program provides a fixed \$200.00 monthly cash benefit to eligible existing or past TANF households that are currently employed. Eligible households receiving support services must: be subject to a 18 month lifetime limit; be categorically eligible for the Food Stamp Program; and be required to meet a six month eligibility requirement.

Applicants must meet initial eligibility in order to qualify for the Transition Bonus Program. These requirements are TANF/NMW non-financial eligibility (i.e. relationship, citizenship, etc); cannot be simultaneously participating in another cash assistance program; have received at least 3 months of TANF/NMW of which one must have been within the past three months; currently working a minimum of 30 hours per week, averaged over a month; have not received more than 18 months of the Transition Bonus Program or 60 months of TANF/NMW in a lifetime; gross earnings less than 150% of FPG.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form):

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 0

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1. Name of eligibility change: **Non MOE NMW 2 parent/exempt**
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: **July 1, 2007**
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Implementation of the Non MOE NMW 2 parent/exempt program. Effective July 1, 2007, a certain number of two parent families, state exempt cases, and new approvals were paid out of state funds (non MOE) and are no longer included in the participation rate. This is not a separate state program. The average monthly non MOE NMW 2 parent/exempt would normally have been added to the State’s overall assistance caseload, so for the purposes of the Caseload Reduction Credit they are “added back” to the average FFY 2011.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: The following table has the number of cases shifted to this program. The actual monthly number of cases was averaged for the year to determine the FFY 2011 average.

Month	Total Cases
Oct-10	243
Nov-10	241
Dec-10	246
Jan-11	242
Feb-11	247
Mar-11	239
Apr-11	231
May-11	237
Jun-11	185
Jul-11	243
Aug-11	247
Sep-11	240
Total FFY 2011	2841
Average FFY 2011	237

The caseload figure for this program was “added back” to the average FFY2011 caseload for the Caseload Reduction Credit comparison to FFY2005.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 237

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**PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit**

Please see attachment.

**Per TANF-ACF-PI-2011-09, we will be using the FFY 2011 as the comparison year.**



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**PART 3 -- Certification**

I certify that we have provided the public an appropriate opportunity to comment on the estimates and methodology used to complete this report and considered those comments in completing it. Further, I certify that this report incorporates all reductions in the caseload resulting from State eligibility changes and changes in Federal requirements since Fiscal Year 2005.



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Acting Division Director

(title)

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**Overall Credit**

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	<b>New Mexico</b>			<b>Fiscal Year to which credit applies:</b>		<b>2012</b>
2				<b>Date of Completion:</b>		
3	<b>PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit</b>					
4						
5	<b>Impact of All Changes</b>			<b>Caseload Reduction Calculation</b>		
6				FY 2005 TANF Caseload	17,566	
7	<b>Non MOE 2 Parent/Exempt</b>	237		FY 2005 SSP Caseload	0	
8				<b>Total FY 2005 Caseload</b>	<b>17,566</b>	
9				FY 2011 TANF Caseload	20,388	
10				FY 2011 SSP Caseload	0	
11				<b>Total FY 2011 Caseload</b>	<b>20,388</b>	
12				Excess MOE Cases in FY 2011	6,062	
13				<b>Adjusted FY 2011 Caseload</b>	<b>14,326</b>	
14				Caseload Decline	3,240	18.4%
15				Decline – Net Impact	3,477	
16						
17				<b>Caseload Reduction Credit =</b>		<b>18.4%</b>
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23						
24						
25						
26	<b>Net Impact</b>	<b>237</b>				
27						
28						

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Two-Parent Credit**

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	<b>New Mexico</b>			<b>Fiscal Year to which credit applies:</b>		<b>2012</b>
2				<b>Date of Completion:</b>		
3	<b>PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit -- 2-Parent Caseload</b>					
4						
5	<u>Impact of All Changes</u>			<u>Caseload Reduction Calculation</u>		
6				FY 2005 TANF 2-Parent Caseload	812	
7	Non MOE 2 Parent/Exempt	237		FY 2005 SSP 2-Parent Caseload	0	
8				<b>Total FY 2005 Caseload</b>	<b>812</b>	
9				FY 2011 TANF 2-Parent Caseload	1,461	
10				FY 2011 SSP 2-Parent Caseload	0	
11				<b>Total FY 2011 2-Parent Caseload</b>	<b>1,461</b>	
12				Excess MOE 2-Parent Cases in FY 2011	434	
13				<b>Adjusted FY 2011 Caseload</b>	<b>1,027</b>	
14				Caseload Decline	-215	-26.4%
15				Decline – Net Impact	22	
16						
17				2-Parent Caseload Reduction Credit =		<b>-26.4%</b>
18						
19						
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26	<b>Net Impact</b>	<b>237</b>				
27						
28						

**New Mexico**

Non MOE NMW 2 parent/exempt Report

Date of Completion:

	Impact on Each Month in FY 2011												Grand Total	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
<b>Time of Closure</b>														
Prior years carryover														
Oct	243													
Nov		241												
Dec			246											
Jan				242										
Feb					247									
Mar						239								
Apr							231							
May								237						
Jun									185					
Jul										243				
Aug											247			
Sep												240		
<b>Total</b>	243	241	246	242	247	239	231	237	185	243	247	240		2,841
													FY 2011 monthly average	237

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Excess MOE Worksheet**

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1	<b>New Mexico</b>			<b>Fiscal Year to which credit applies:</b>		<b>2012</b>
2				<b>Date of Completion:</b>		
3	<b>Excess MOE Calculation Worksheet</b>					
4						
5	<b>Caseload Data</b>			<b>Expenditure Data</b>		
6	FY 2005 TANF Caseload	17,566		<b>Total Expenditures</b>		
7	FY 2005 SSP Caseload	0		FY 2011 Total Federal Expenditures		\$76,284,160
8	<b>Total FY 2005 Caseload</b>	<b>17,566</b>		FY 2011 Total MOE Expenditures		\$90,295,966
9	FY 2011 TANF Caseload	20,388		<b>Total Expenditures (Federal + MOE)</b>		\$166,580,126
10	FY 2011 SSP Caseload	0				
11	<b>Total FY 2011 Caseload</b>	<b>20,388</b>		<b>Assistance Expenditures</b>		
12				FY 2011 Federal Expenditures on Assistance		\$55,695,773
13	<b>2-Parent Caseload Data</b>			FY 2011 MOE Expenditures on Assistance		\$284,641
14	FY 2005 2-p TANF Caseload	812		<b>Total Expenditures on Assistance (Federal + MOE)</b>		\$55,980,414
15	FY 2005 2-p SSP Caseload	0		Percentage of Expenditures on Assistance		33.61%
16	<b>Total FY 2005 Caseload</b>	<b>812</b>				
17	FY 2011 2-p TANF Caseload	1,461		<b>Expenditures Per Case</b>		
18	FY 2011 2-p SSP Caseload	0		Average Expenditures per Case		\$8,170
19	<b>Total FY 2011 Caseload</b>	<b>1,461</b>		Average Expenditures per Case on Assistance		\$2,746
20						
21				<b>MOE and Excess MOE</b>		
22				Required MOE (80% or 75%)		\$40,769,141
23				Excess MOE Expenditures		\$49,526,825
24				Excess MOE Expenditures on Assistance		\$16,643,835
25	<b>Adjusted Caseload Data</b>					
26	Adjusted FY 2011 Overall Caseload	14,326		<b>Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE</b>		<b>6,062</b>
27	Adjusted FY 2011 2-parent Caseload	1,027		<b>2-Parent Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE</b>		<b>434</b>
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29						
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32						