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Filing and Processing Applications

All persons have a right to file an application for cash assistance.

Right is not explicitly denied.

The same application for cash assistance is used throughout the state.

The statewide application is a joint application for:

Food Stamps
Medicaid

State policy sets standards of timeliness for processing applications:

Applications must be acted upon within 45 days.

The agency is required to issue a written decision on applications.

Pre-Application Requirements

The state does not impose requirements that must be met before a family can submit an application for cash assistance.

Pending Application Requirements

The state imposes pending application requirements that a family must meet while its cash assistance application is pending. Failure to meet these requirements results in denial of the application.

The pending application requirements are:

Complete an assessment
Conduct job search

No applicants are exempt from pending application requirements.

Personal Responsibility Contracts

Applicants and/or recipients are required to sign a personal responsibility contract.

Applicants must sign a personal responsibility contract:
After eligibility is determined

The personal responsibility contract is:

The product of individualized assessment or worker discretion

The contract identifies specific employment activities.

The following people must sign the contract:

Head of household
Minor parent who is not head of household
Non-parent caretaker not receiving assistance
Both parents in two-parent families if both are present at the interview

The following applicants and recipients are exempt from developing and signing a contract:

No exemptions specified

The following obligations can be included in the contract:

Agreement to participate in work activities
Participation in specific work activities
Child school attendance requirements
Minor parent school attendance requirements
Immunization or preventative health requirements
Cooperation with child support enforcement
Participation in life skills or parenting classes
Drug or alcohol provisions
Teen parent living arrangement
Other obligations to address barriers to attainment of self-sufficiency or needs of the children, including, but not limited to mental health or rehabilitative treatment plans, housing referrals, domestic violence referrals or activities, or child health/safety issues

The contract does not include a state or county agreement to provide services.

A sanction is imposed if an applicant or recipient refuses to sign a contract. The sanction is the same as the sanction for non-compliance with work requirements.

Employability Plans

Applicants and recipients are not required to sign an employability plan, i.e. a plan that covers only work requirements.

Formal Diversion Programs

The state operates a formal diversion program.

Current cash assistance recipients may not participate in the diversion program.

The maximum cash payment is \$1000.

The size of a diversion payment is calculated on a case-by-case basis up to the maximum.

The \$1000 maximum cash payment may be exceeded due to "compelling need" found by State Chief of Eligibility and Payment.

The income and asset eligibility criteria for the diversion program differ from those applied to applicants for ongoing cash assistance as follows:
Only the gross income test must be met

Eligibility for a cash diversion payment is decided based upon:

Objective written criteria

A family that receives a diversion payment:

Is ineligible for ongoing cash assistance for the period determined by dividing diversion payment by maximum monthly cash payment

A family can receive cash assistance during the period of ineligibility under the following circumstances:

If there is hardship, including but not limited to sudden onset of disability of either wage earner or family member that wage earner must care for, loss of job without fault, and bona fide job offer does not materialize

A diversion payment counts as one month of time-limited assistance for each month's worth of benefits included in the payment.

When a family receives a diversion payment, its child support rights are assigned to the state.

Families that receive diversion payments are eligible to receive:

Child care services:

Same eligibility as 12-month transitional child care for recipients losing cash grant due to earnings

Emergency Assistance

The state does not have an emergency assistance program.

Note: Information on exemptions from work requirements and sanctions for noncompliance with work requirements will be available in the Work and Sanction Provisions sections later this year.