



Summary of State Sanction Policies

As of April 2000

<u>State</u>	<u>First Sanction</u>		<u>Maximum Sanction</u>		<u>Can first instance escalate to maximum sanction for any families?</u> ¹
	<u>Reduction Amount</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Reduction Amount</u>	<u>Duration</u>	
Totals	33 Partial sanction only 15 Termination only 3 Both (policy differs by subgroup)		15 Partial sanction only 34 Termination only 2 Both (policy differs by subgroup)		Yes: 23 No: 24 N/A: 4
Alabama	25%	Until compliance	Termination	6 months	Y
Alaska	Adult-s needs (about \$369)	Until compliance	Adult-s needs (about \$369)	12 months	N
Arizona	25%	1 month	Termination	Until compliance	Y
Arkansas	25%	Until compliance	25%	Until compliance	N/A
California	Adult-s portion	Until compliance	Adult-s portion	6 months or compliance, whichever is longer	N
Colorado	25%	1 to 3 months ²	Termination	3 to 6 months	Y
Connecticut	20%	3 months	Termination	3 months	Y
Delaware	One-third	Until compliance	Termination	Permanent	Y
District of Columbia	Adult-s portion	1 month or compliance, whichever is longer	Adult-s portion	6 months or compliance, whichever is longer	N
Florida	Termination	Until compliance for 10 days	Termination	3 months followed by compliance for 30 days	N
Georgia	25%	Until compliance	Termination	Permanent	Y
Hawaii	Termination	Until compliance	Termination	3 months or compliance, whichever is longer	N
Idaho	Termination	1 months or compliance, whichever is longer	Termination	Permanent	N

Illinois	50%	Until compliance	Termination	3 months or compliance, whichever is longer	Y
Indiana	Adult-s portion	2 months or compliance, whichever is longer ³	Adult-s portion	36 months or until compliance, whichever is longer	N
Iowa	Termination	Until compliance	Termination	6 months or until compliance, whichever is longer	N
Kansas	Termination	Until compliance	Termination	2 months or until compliance, whichever is longer	N
Kentucky (group 1) ⁴	Pro rata reduction of percentage of noncompliant individual	Until compliance	Pro rata reduction of percentage of noncompliant individual	Until compliance	N/A
Kentucky (group 2)	Termination	Until compliance	Termination	Until compliance	N/A
Louisiana	Adult portion	3 months	Termination	1 month	Y
Maine	Adult portion	Until compliance	Adult portion	6 months or compliance, whichever is longer	N
Maryland	Termination	Until compliance	Termination	Until compliance for 30 days	N
Massachusetts	Adult portion	Until compliance	Termination	Until compliance	Y
Michigan (group 1) ⁵	Termination	Until compliance	Termination	Until compliance	N/A
Michigan (group 2)	25%	1 month or compliance, whichever is longer	Termination	1 month or compliance, whichever is longer	Y
Minnesota	10% of transitional standard ⁶	1 month	30% of transitional standard after rent and utilities are vendor-paid	6 months	Y
Mississippi	Termination	2 months or compliance, whichever is longer	Termination	Permanent	N
Missouri	25%	Until compliance	25%	3 months or compliance, whichever is longer	N
Montana	Adult portion	1 month or compliance, whichever is longer	Adult portion ⁷	12 months or compliance	Y
Nebraska	Termination	1 month or compliance, whichever is longer	Termination	12 months or remainder of time left under time limit	N
Nevada	One-third or pro-rata, whichever is greater	Until compliance	Termination	Permanent	N ⁸

New Hampshire	Adult portion	1 payment period (at least 2 month)	2/3 reduction after deduction of the adult-s portion	1 payment period (at least 2 month)	Y
New Jersey	Adult portion	1 month or compliance or termination	Termination	3 months ⁹	Y
New Mexico	25%	Until compliance	Termination	6 months	Y
New York	Pro-rata reduction	Until compliance	Pro-rata reduction	6 months or compliance, whichever is longer	N
North Carolina ¹⁰	25%	3 months	Termination	1 month and subsequent compliance for 1 month	Y
North Dakota	Adult portion	1 month or compliance, whichever is longer	Termination	12 months	N ¹¹
Ohio	Termination	1 month or compliance, whichever is longer	Termination	6 months or compliance, whichever is longer	N
Oklahoma	Termination	Until compliance	Termination	Until compliance, after 2 weeks of compliance (at worker discretion)	N
Oregon	\$50	Until compliance	Termination	Until compliance	Y
Pennsylvania (group 1) ¹²	Adult portion	30 days or compliance, whichever is longer	Adult portion	Permanent	N
Pennsylvania (group 2)	Termination	30 days or compliance, whichever is longer	Termination	Permanent	N
Rhode Island (group 1) ¹³	Adult portion	Until compliance	Adult portion	Until compliance	N/A
Rhode Island (group 2)	110% of adult portion	Until compliance	140% of adult portion	Until compliance	Y
South Carolina	Termination	Until compliance for 30 days	Termination	Until compliance for 30 days	N/A
South Dakota	50%	1 month	Termination	1 month	Y
Tennessee	Termination	Until compliance	Termination	3 months or compliance, whichever is longer	N
Texas	Noncompliant individual-s portion ¹⁴	1 month or compliance, whichever is longer	Noncompliant individual-s portion	6 months or compliance, whichever is longer	N
Utah	\$100	Until compliance	Termination	Until compliance	Y
Vermont	Adult portion	Until compliance	Adult portion	6 months or compliance, whichever is longer	N

Virginia	Termination	1 month or compliance, whichever is longer	Termination	6 months or compliance, whichever is longer	N
Washington	Adult portion	Until compliance	40%	Until compliance	Y
West Virginia	one-third	3 months	Termination	6 months	Y ¹⁵
Wisconsin	Pay-for-performance sanction policy - per hour reduction ¹⁶		Termination	Permanent	Y
Wyoming	Termination	1 month and subsequent compliance for 1 month	Termination	1 month and subsequent compliance for 1 month	N/A

Notes:

1. In many states, sanctions escalate after further instances of noncompliance or continued noncompliance, or, in many cases, both. In these states the amount and/or the duration of the sanction can increase. This column describes whether or not individuals can receive the maximum sanction amount and duration for continued noncompliance after an initial sanction. **N/A** refers to states in which each sanction imposed is identical, so there is no maximum sanction.
2. In a four states, sanctions differ for different subgroups. This can be either a difference in the amount of the grant reduction, or one group being terminated while the other receives a partial sanction. This is explained in greater detail in the notes below.
3. In Colorado, counties determine the duration of sanctions within the given time frame.
4. In Indiana, minors and recipients who are not mandated to participate but volunteer for the program have a shorter sanction duration (Until compliance for the first sanction and 6 months for the maximum sanction).
5. In Kentucky, families in which the participant does not complete an assessment (group 2) are subject to a more strict sanction than recipients who do not comply with other program requirements (group 1).
6. In Michigan, those who do not comply within the first two months of receiving assistance (group 1) are subject to a more strict sanction than those who have received assistance for longer than two months (group 2).
7. In Minnesota, the **Transitional standard** is equivalent to the total cash plus MFIP food portion of the grant.
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9. In Nevada, families can be terminated from assistance if they continue to be in noncompliance after the first sanction. However, they will not be permanently terminated from assistance (the maximum sanction duration) unless they continue to be in noncompliance after third sanction.
10. In New Jersey, if noncompliance continues beyond 3 months during the maximum sanction period, the case is formally terminated.

11. For subsequent sanctions after the first sanction, families in North Carolina are under a **Apay-after-performance®** system lasting three months in which individuals must be in full compliance for the whole month before receiving any benefits the following month. Note: North Carolina changed its sanction policy as of April 1, 2000. Under the former policy, recipients received partial sanctions for noncompliance beginning with a \$50 reduction for a first instance of noncompliance and escalating to a maximum of a \$75 grant reduction.
12. In North Dakota, families can be terminated from assistance for 3 months for continued noncompliance within the first sanction period for continued noncompliance. However, the 12-month termination occurs after the 4th instance of noncompliance only if the noncompliance continues past the initial 3-month termination period.
13. In Pennsylvania, families that have received assistance for more than 24 months (group 2) are subject to a more strict sanction than those on assistance for less than 24 months (group 1).
14. In Rhode Island, families who are within their first 24 months of an employment plan (group 1) are subject to a different sanction than families who have had an employment plan for at least 25 months (group 2).
15. In Texas, the noncompliant individual's portion is equal to \$78 if one parent does not comply and \$125 if two parents do not comply.
16. In West Virginia, 3 instances of noncompliance lead to a maximum grant reduction sanction (as opposed to continued noncompliance), however, all 3 instances can occur within the time frame of the first sanction.
17. In Wisconsin's **APay-for-Performance®** system, participants receive an hour for hour grant reduction based on the number of hours they miss of their work activity. Participants who do not participate at all receive a "strike." After three strikes, the individual becomes permanently ineligible to participate in that component of Wisconsin's welfare reform program for life.

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