

EES Policy No. 21-09-10	RE: TANF Provisions for COVID-19 Pandemic Related Needs
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Due to the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), temporary policy changes intended to ease access to needed benefits are effective immediately through December 31, 2021.

TANF Eligibility

The following eligibility determining factors will not be required prior to issuance of benefits.

- Acknowledgement of TANF Drug Testing Policy (ES-3100DT)
- Self-Assessment form (E-6)
- Important Information About Cooperation with Work Program – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), (ES-3102)
- Online Work Program Orientation
- Verification of Unemployment Compensation application
 - Continue to provide clients with instructions for applying online and by phone, but do not pend the TANF application for verification
- Verification of TANF months in other states
 - Continue to request verification from other states, but do not pend the TANF application for verification

TANF Case Closures

Administration will close TANF cases where a work program penalty is applied and SBDDT disqualifications and refusals. Eligibility field staff will process all other TANF closures.

TANF Referrals

At eligibility determination, if a TANF client discloses a need for assistance with substance abuse or domestic violence/sexual assault, the eligibility worker will email the request for assistance to

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