

EES Policy No. 21-11-13	RE: America Rescue Plan TANF Pandemic Emergency Assistance
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The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, amends section 403 of the Social Security Act to create a new \$1 billion Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund (PEAF) for non-recurrent, short-term benefits to assist needy families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Kansas has been allotted \$5,142,203. These funds are designed to deal with a specific crisis situation or episode of need because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each TANF household will receive a one-time supplemental payment directly to their EBT card November 15, 2021. The PTANF benefit was issued in KEES, November 11, 2021 through an automated batch process. The PTANF was issued to households who have or had an active TANF program between April 2020 and November 10, 2021. For those household who have a pending TANF application dated November 10, 2021 or before will be considered for this one-time benefit. An automated batch process will be considered at a later date to pick up those additional eligible households. Households who are not eligible for TANF for the following reasons; whereabouts unknown, residency requirements are not met, incarcerated, loss of contact, deceased or who do not have an active status for their EBT account for 1 year or longer will not be eligible to receive PTANF. A NOA will be generated and sent to all eligible households informing them of the supplemental, one-time payment. A KEES journal entry will be generated for documentation of the benefit issuance and the NOA being sent.

Note: This change does not impact gross or net income limits, expenses, or deductions for TANF. The one-time supplemental benefit cannot be calculated in a TANF overpayment.

The following chart shows the supplemental maximum benefit for the PTANF.

Children in The Household	PTANF Maximum benefit
0 (Unborn)	\$462
1	\$462
2	\$658
3	\$840
4	\$988
5	\$1,124
6	\$1,274

*Add \$122 per additional child

This one-time supplemental benefit will not be counted toward the 24-month time limit. This one-time benefit is considered a non-recurrent short-term benefit and will be treated as a lump sum for income and resources for all programs.

For questions please contact Angela Stinson or Jennifer Ellerman