

# Spring 2023

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# FAET Updates

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Due to the implementation of the Mandatory Employment and Training program in October 2022, several changes are being made to KEES to support the policy and retire system workarounds.

# FAET Program Block



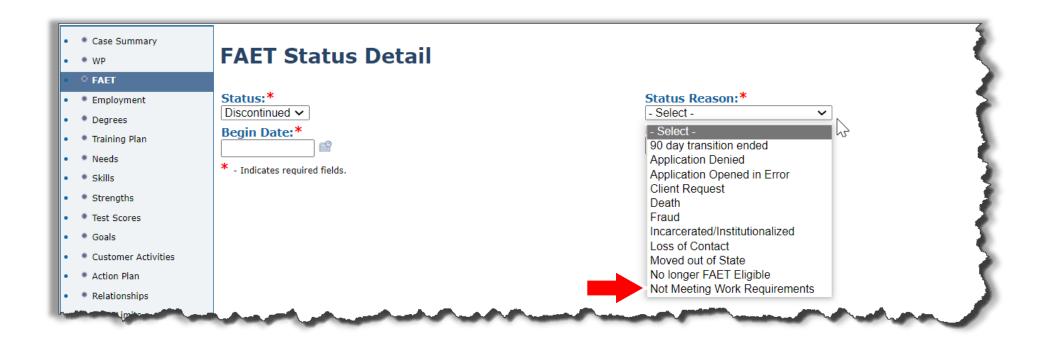
The **Program Type** (*FAET* or *GOALS*) now displays in the **FAET Program** block.

▼ FAET - 1052						
Worker/Casebank:	Cindy Burche	ett	Primary Applicant/Recipient	:	DANIEL JACOBS	
Worker ID/Casebank ID:	DE4402B10	<u>)1</u>	Language:		English	
Program Status:	Pending		Phone Number:			
Program Type:	FAET		Application Date		01/01/2022	
Name	Role	Role Reason	Status	Status Reason		
DANIEL JACOBS	MEM		Pending			
						View Details

Worker/Casebank:	Cindy Burche	tt	Primary Applicant/Recipier	nt:	Georgia Raynes
Worker ID/Casebank ID:	DE4402B10	<u>1</u>	Language:		English
Program Status:	Active		Phone Number:		(785)764-8910
Program Type:	GOALS		Application Date		01/16/2023
Name	Role	Role Reason	Status	Status Reason	
<u>Georgia Raynes</u>	MEM		Active	Engaged	



A new **Status Reason** of *Not Meeting Work Requirements* has been added to the **FAET Status Detail** page.

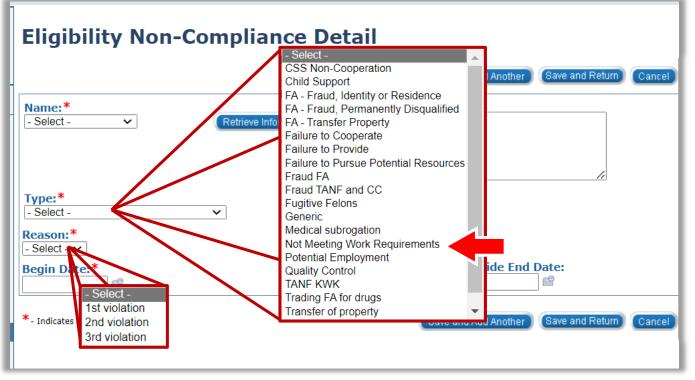


Note: The workaround of using the **Status Reason** *No Longer FAET Eligible* to discontinue for consumer not meeting the work requirements is being retired.



A new Food Assistance non-compliance **Type** has been added to the **Eligibility Non-Compliance Detail** page. *Not Meeting Work Requirements* should be used when a client fails to meet the standard FA work requirement. This is a tiered violation so a **Reason** of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd

violation must also be selected.

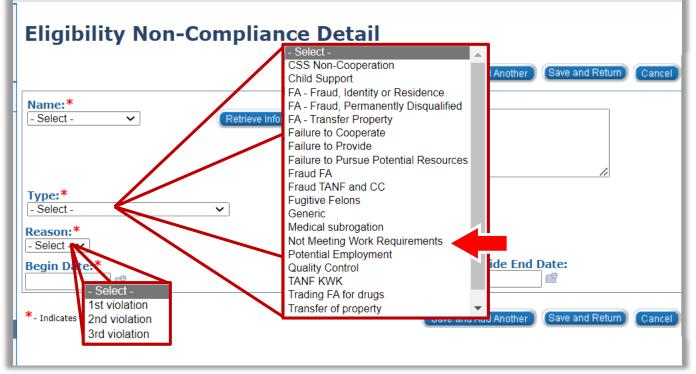






This non-compliance is considered a stacked violation for Food Assistance. So if a consumer already has a *Potential Employment* violation, the new *Not Meeting Work Requirements* violation is considered their 2nd or subsequent violation and should be entered into KEES with the

appropriate tiered **Reason**.





**UM**: Reading the EDBC Summary

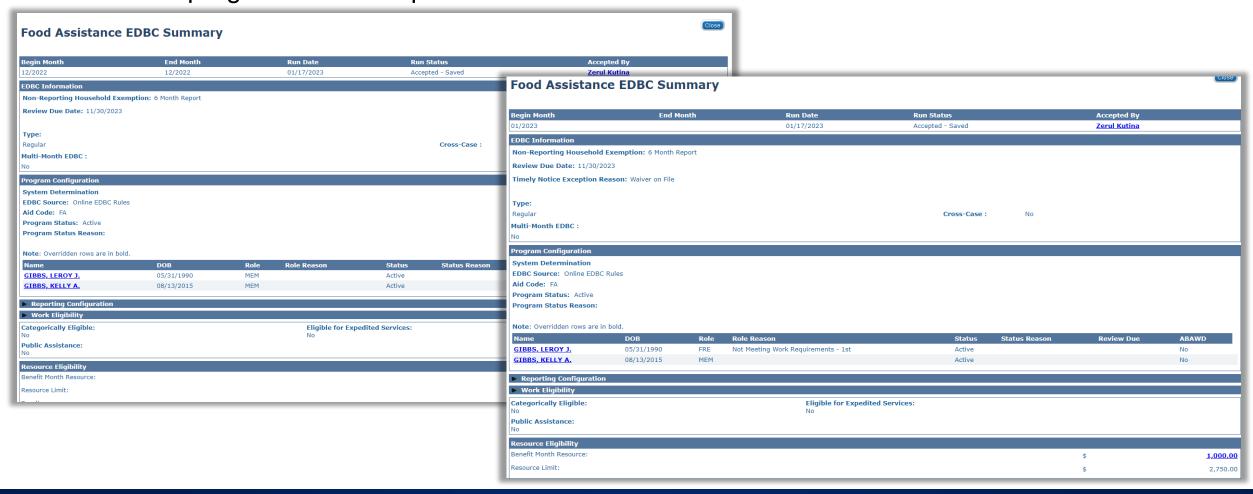
- Role values include:
  - MEM (Member) included in benefits and HH size
  - FRE (Financial Responsible Excluded) excluded from HH size
  - FRI (Financial Responsible Included) included in HH size
  - UP (Unaided Person) excluded from benefits and HH size
- Role Reasons pertain to individual eligibility and display if the consumer is FRI, FRE or UP. The Role Reason explains why the consumer is or is not considered in the program configuration or budgeting unit.

**NOTE:** If an unexpected **Role Reason** displays, see the <u>Ineligibility Status Reason Table</u> for guidance.



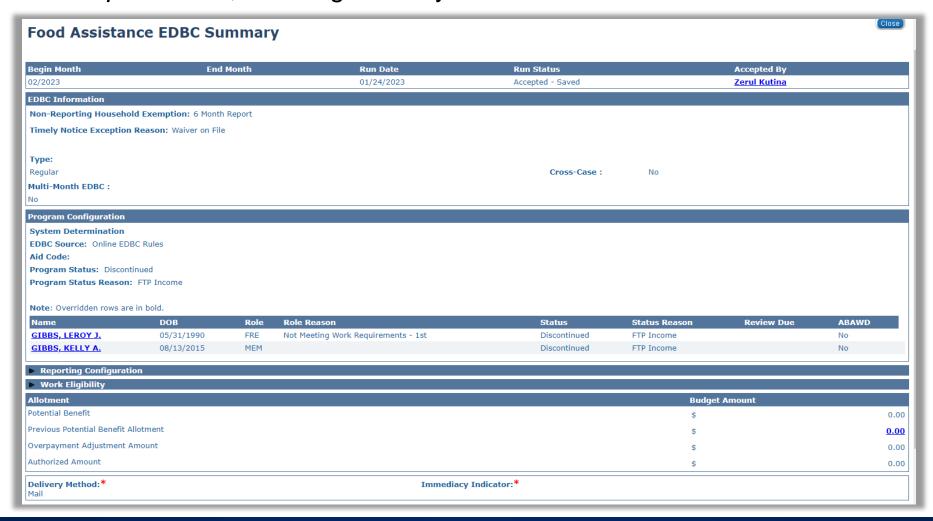


When a Non-Compliance of *Not Meeting Work Requirements* is applied, the client becomes a *FRE* and a prorated share of their income and expenses are counted at EDBC if the Food Assistance program remains open due to other household members.





As a reminder, even if the client is given a **Role** of *FRE* due to a person level penalty, like *Not Meeting Work Requirements*, the Program may close for a different reason.

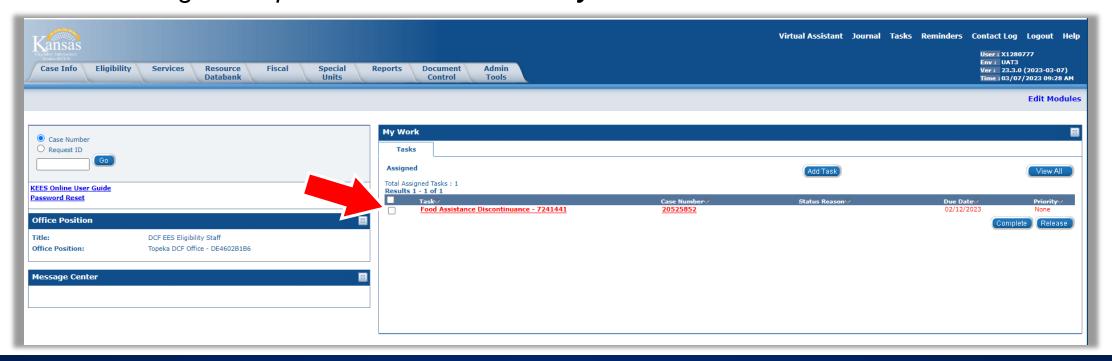


# **Tasks**



Tasks that are generated for a specific program (ie. WP, FAET or PPS) will be automatically assigned to the Worker associated with that program block. Several tasks have been updated to include this logic to make finding tasks for your assigned cases easier as these display in the **Work Portlet** on the **KEES Home Page**.

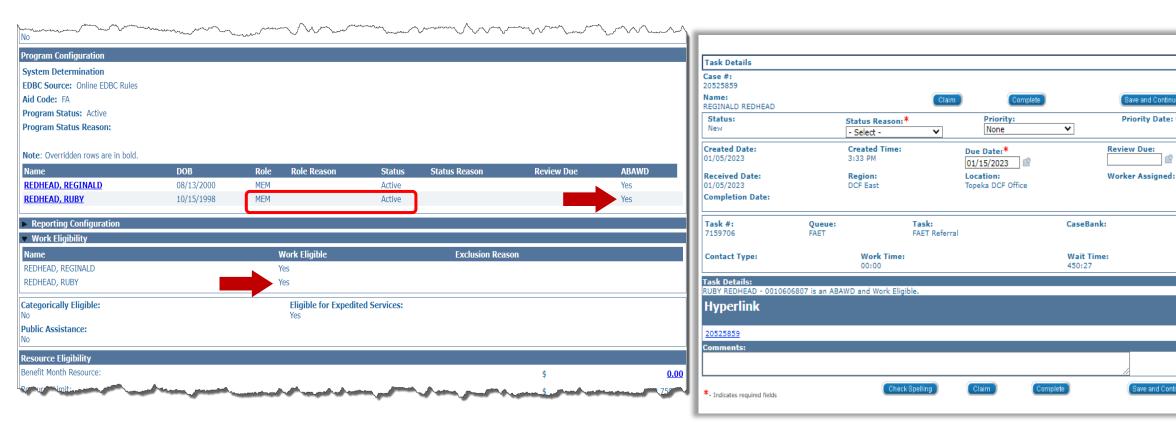
Note: There are still tasks that are not assigned to a specific program so staff should still search the designated queues via **Task Inventory**.





Priority Date: 01/05/2023

When a Work Eligible ABAWD is an *Active* member on a FA program, KEES generates a *FAET* Referral task for the FAET Queue. This task lets employment services know that a FAET program block should be registered for the client.



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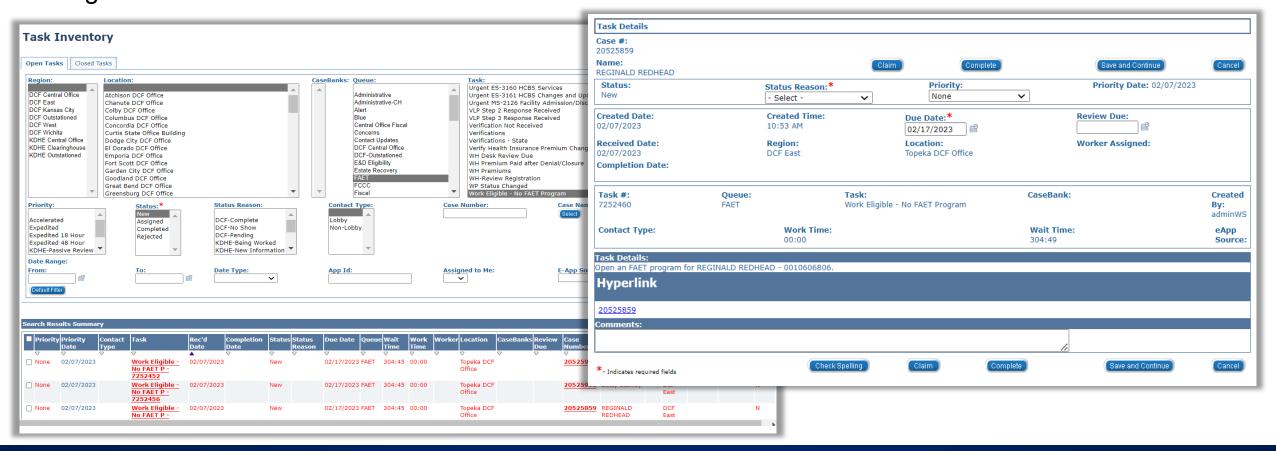
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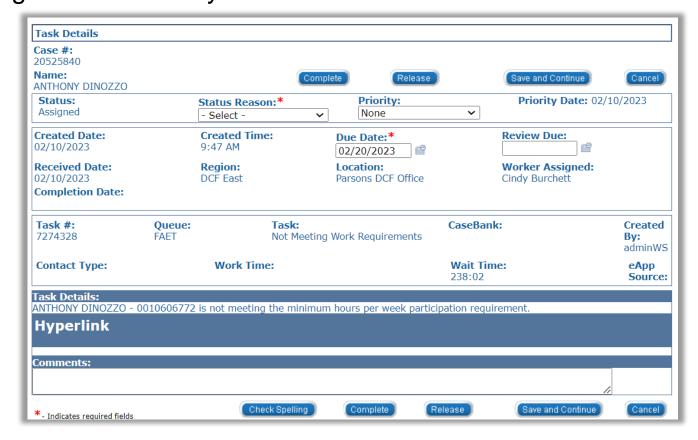


When a Work Eligible ABAWD has been an *Active* member on a FA program for more than 15 days with no FAET program block registered for them, the *Work Eligible-No FAET Program* task is generated for the *FAET* **Queue**. This is a reminder for FAET staff that a program block should be registered for the client.





The **FAET Participation Requirement** batch runs mid-month to check if clients are meeting the 30 hour per week participation threshold. It looks at both the Activity Progress Detail and Income Amount Detail pages to check for client participation. A *Not Meeting Work Requirements* task is generated for any client not at the threshold.



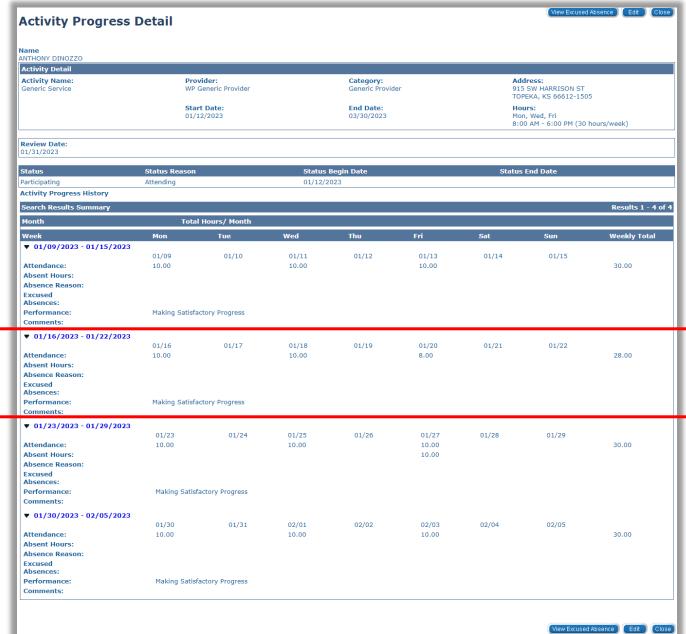
When this task is received, staff should research the case to determine if the client is in fact not meeting the 30 hour work requirement.

Note: This task will continue to generate each month the client doesn't meet the 30 hour work requirement even if the task generated in the previous month and FAET program block is still active.

### Example:

A Not Meeting Work Requirements was generated on this case however upon review of the case we see the client is meeting work requirements.

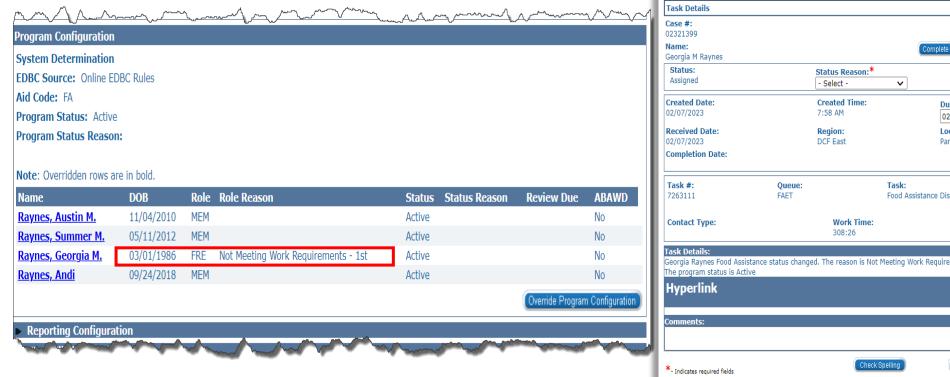
The task generated because there was one week where the client's participation hours were under the 30hr threshold.







The *Food Assistance Discontinuance Task* is generated any time a client becomes a *FRE* or is *Discontinued* on the **Food Assistance** program and they have an active **FAET** program block.



Task Details							
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Name: Georgia M Raynes				Complete	elease	Save and Continue	Cancel
Status: Assigned		Status Reason:* - Select -	~	Priority: None	~	<b>Priority Date:</b> 02/07/2023	
Created Date: 02/07/2023		Created Time: 7:58 AM		<b>Due Date:*</b> 02/17/2023		Review Due:	
Received Date: 02/07/2023		Region: DCF East		Location: Parsons DCF Office		Worker Assigned: Cindy Burchett	
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We have added a new form to KEES for the updated FAET Good Cause Process. In addition to this new form we have made some minor language and formatting updates to several other forms.

In the next slides we highlight some of the prevalent changes...

The new Request for Good Cause (W504) form is generated and sent to the client from the Non-Compliance Coordinator when it is found the client is not meeting work requirements.

With the addition of this form, Non-Compliance Coordinators no longer need to use the standard copy and paste text workaround.

Parsons DCF Office 300 N. 17th St. Parsons, KS 67357

Rava J Daniels

810 N GRAND ST



Notice Date: 01/23/2023 Case Number: 02235620

Case Name: Rava J Daniels Program: FAET

#### Request for Good Cause

PITTSBURG, KS 66762-4143

You are receiving food assistance benefits and you are required to attend your assigned Employment and Training activities as scheduled. You did not attend your scheduled appointment or activity. We do not have proof that you have participated in the program for 30 hours per week.

As an Able Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD), you must meet 30 hours of participation in the Employment and Training program and/or employment activities per week in order to get food assistance.

You must provide a good reason for not following these rules by 02/02/2023. Good reasons for not following these rules include issues you can't control such as getting sick, not having childcare for a child younger than age 6, or not having a way to get to the program. These are some examples of good reasons but not all of them.

We will not send you another letter requesting a good reason for not following these rules.

#### What happens if you do not follow these rules or give a good reason for not following them?

If you fail to follow these rules without a good reason, you may lose your food assistance

- The first time you do not follow these rules and you don't have a good reason, you can't get food assistance benefits for 3 months.
- . The second time you do not follow these rules, you can't get food assistance benefits for 6
- . The third and subsequent time(s), you can't get food assistance benefits for 12 months.

This is in accordance with the Kansas Economic and Employment Services Manual.





Language and formatting updates have been made to the Work Requirement Notification forms (F851, F852, F853, F854, F855, F856, F857).

The most notable update is that the Job Search and Training Rules section has been updated to reflect FAET is now mandatory for Work Eligible ABAWDS.

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Kirby Patterson 631 W 13TH ST CONCORDIA KS 66901-4025 Notice Date: 02/06/2023 Case Name: Kirby Patterson Case Number: 20526541 Program: Food Assistance

#### Food Assistance Work Rules

#### You Must Follow These Rules to Receive Food Assistance Benefits

Dear Kirby Patterson, Amber Patterson:

This letter is to tell you about work rules for the Food Assistance Program. If you don't follow these rules, your Food Assistance benefits may decrease or end. Different people in your household may need to follow different work rules. This letter tells each of you what you need to do.

#### What do you need to do?

Kirby Patterson, you must follow the requirements in the **Basic Work Rules** section, and you may follow the requirements in the **Job Search and Training Rules** section.

Amber Patterson, you must follow the requirements in the Basic Work Rules section, you may follow the requirements in the Job Search and Training Rules section, and you must follow the requirements in the Time Rules section.

And you must follow these work rules before you can get Food Assistance benefits again

#### Job Search and Training Rules

Kirby Patterson, Amber Patterson, you must follow the **Job Search and Training Rules**. This is a mandatory program. Keep reading to find out what to do.

#### What do you need to do?

You **must** participate in Employment and Training Services. This program can make it easier for you to find or keep a job.

You must follow these rules to keep your Food Assistance benefits

- Go to a program orientation. You will receive a letter with the appointment date, time and location. If you cannot make it to the orientation at this time or date, you must call the number on the appointment letter or 1-888-369-4777 within 24 hours to reschedule your appointment.
- Work with your career navigator to determine the right activities for you.
- 3. Complete the activities of the program each month (we will tell you what to do).

#### Does everyone need to follow these Job Search and Training Rules?

You may not have to follow these rules if you:

- Are temporarily laid off from your work, or
- · Are a domestic violence survivor.

Reminder: Check the "Does everyone need to follow these work rules?" section of this letter for other reasons that may apply to you.

**Call us at 1-888-369-4777 as soon as possible** if you think one of these might describe you. If we find that it does, you **will not** need to follow the Job Search and Training Rules.

#### What if you have costs from being in the program?

We may pay for your costs to participate in this program. These costs may include:

- Transportation
- Childcare
- Personal safety items or equipment
- Other reasonable required costs, such as tools, books, and uniforms

If we can't pay your costs, we must excuse you, and you will not need to follow the Job Search and Training rules.

If you think you have costs we need to pay, call us at 1-888-369-4777 as soon as possible.

#### What happens if you do not follow these Job Search and Training Rules?

If you fail to follow these rules without a good reason, you may lose your Food Assistance benefits.

- The first time you do not follow these rules and you don't have a good reason, you can't get Food Assistance benefits for 3 months.
- The second time you do not follow these rules, you can't get Food Assistance benefits for 6 months.
- The third and subsequent time(s), you can't get Food Assistance benefits for 12 months.

#### What if you have a good reason for not following these Job Search and Training Rules?

Call us as soon as possible at 1-888-369-4777 if you think you have a good reason. You should also tell your Job search and training provider. Good reasons for not following these rules include issues you can't control such as getting sick, not having childcare for a child younger than age 6, or not having a way to get to the program. You can also tell us if the program is not right for you. These are some examples of good reasons but not all of them.

Reminder: Check the "Does everyone need to follow these work rules?" section of this letter for other reasons you may not have to follow any work rules.

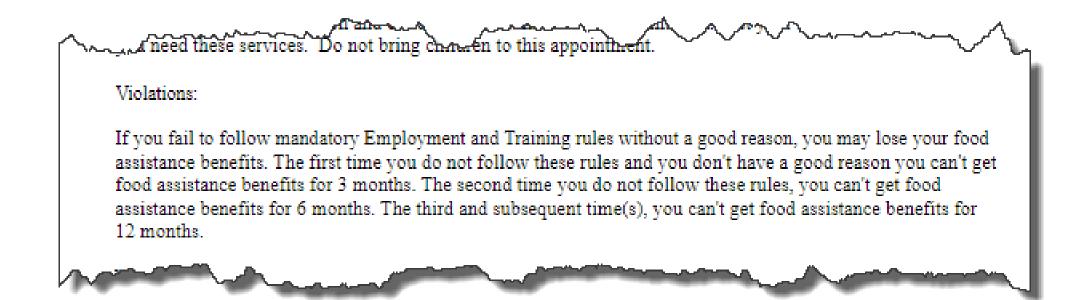
If we find that you have a good reason, you may still be able to get Food Assistance benefits.

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The following forms have been updated to include additional FAET Violation Language for FAET ABAWDS (ie. Program Type is FAET not GOALS):

- Appointment Letter (W001)
- Review of Activities Appointment (W002)
- Assessment Notice (W358)





W001

W002

Parsons DCF Office 300 N. 17th St. Parsons, KS 67357

Notice Date: 02/02/2023 Case Name: Iim Renolds Jim Renolds Case Number: 02321329 Program: FAET

445 NE EMMETT ST TOPEKA, KS 66616-1206

Annointment	ottor

Appointment Date: Appointment Time:

Appointment Location:

Parsons DCF Office

300 N. 17th St. Parsons, KS 67357

Career Navigator Contact Information: Cindy Burchett

6208206320

cindy.burchett@ks.gov

This is to notify you of an Employment Services appointment to:

- Attend an Orientation to explain employment services program requirements and support services
- Meet to set up your employment services program plan
- Contact your career navigator prior to discuss your activity assignment or support services

Please contact your career navigator prior to your appointment if you cannot attend or need to reschedule.

#### Violations:

If you fail to follow mandatory Employment and Training rules without a good reason, you may lose your food assistance benefits. The first time you do not follow these rules and you don't have a good reason you can't get food assistance benefits for 3 months. The second time you do not follow these rules, you can't get food assistance benefits for 6 months. The third and subsequent time(s), you can't get food assistance benefits for 12 months.

NOTE:

Please read the last page of this letter. It has important information. It tells about your right to a fair hearing.

If you have questions, call: Parsons DCF Office at (888) 369-4777 between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday.

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Parsons DCF Office 300 N. 17th St. Parsons, KS 67357 Notice Date: 02/02/2023 Case Name: Iim Renolds Jim Renolds Case Number: 02321329 445 NE EMMETT ST Program: FAET TOPEKA, KS 66616-1206

#### REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES APPOINTMENT

Appointment Date: Appointment Time:

Appointment Location: Parsons DCF Office 300 N. 17th St.

Parsons KS 67357

Career Navigator Contact Information:

Cindy Burchett

6208206320

cindy.burchett@ks.gov

This is to notify you of a required appointment to review the progress you have made in your employment service program activities. You must call your career navigator prior to your appointment if you cannot attend or need to reschedule.

Please plan for transportation and child care in advance of the appointment. Let your career navigator know if you need these services. Do not bring children to this appointment.

#### Violations:

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Parsons DCF Office 300 N. 17th St. Parsons, KS 67357	Kansas  Department for Children
Jim Renolds C	and Families otice Date: 02/02/2023 ase Name: Jim Renolds ase Number: 02321329 rogram: FAET
ASSESSMENT N	OTICE
More information is needed about you to help determine the assessment appointment has been scheduled for you to assist be reviewed with you at your next appointment with your care.	next steps in your career path. The following in gathering more information. The results will
Assessment Date: Assessment Time: Assessment Location:	
Parsons DCF Office	
300 N. 17th St. Parsons, KS 67357	
Type of Assessment:	
Career Navigator Contact Information: Cindy Burchett 6208206320	
cindy.burchett@ks.gov	
In order for you to be eligible to receive support services, yo your assessments.	u must attend your appointments and complete
You must call your career navigator prior to your appointmen	nt if you cannot attend or need to reschedule.
Please plan for transportation and child care in advance of the you need these services. Do not bring children to this appoin	
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Monday through Friday

FA NOA snippets have been updated to include language if a client is discontinued (or made FRE) due to a Not Meeting Work Requirements violation.

Topeka DCF Office 500 SW VAN BUREN ST TOPEKA, KS 66603-3335



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System (KEES)

Notice Date: 02/13/2023 Case Name: Georgia M Raynes Case Number: 02321399 Program: Food Assistance

Georgia M Raynes 445 NE EMMETT ST TOPEKA, KS 66616-1206

We are changing your Food Assistance benefits effective 04/01/2023 for the following individuals:

Austin M. Raynes

Summer M. Raynes

Georgia M. Raynes

Andi Raynes

Your benefit amount is \$457.00 effective 04/2023.

You will continue to get this amount until we tell you otherwise. If your household situation changes, this amount may change. We will tell you if this amount changes. We will also tell you when it is time to reapply.

#### This change has occurred because:

An adult on the case did not follow mandatory employment and training rules.

This change occurred because your income and/or allowable expenses changed.

Austin M. Raynes will continue to receive Food Assistance benefits.

Summer M. Raynes will continue to receive Food Assistance benefits.

Food Assistance for Georgia M. Raynes will close as of 03/31/2023.

Georgia M. Raynes, without good cause, failed to meet 30 hours per week participation to meet mandatory employment and training work requirements to receive food assistance. You cannot receive food assistance for 3 months. You will not receive food assistance again until 07/01/2023. If the entire food assistance case closes, you must reapply.

Andi Raynes will continue to receive Food Assistance benefits.

This action is based on the Kansas Economic and Employment Services Manual.

Please read the last page of this letter. It has important information. It tells you about your right to a fair hearing.

If you have questions, call Topeka DCF Office at (888) 369-4777 between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday.

You can apply for assistance and view information about your case online. Visit <a href="www.dcfapp.kees.ks.gov">www.dcfapp.kees.ks.gov</a> to learn more

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# Correspondence Updates



Over the last few releases, we have updated several forms to improve the awareness of the Standard Medical Deduction (SMD). Language and formatting changes have previously been made to the IR, 12 Month Report forms and FA Approval NOAs.

With this release we have updated the DCF Review Form (ES-3100R) and the Medical Expense Verification Request (V007)

# Correspondence Updates



Topeka DCF Office 500 SW VAN BUREN ST TOPEKA, KS 66603-3335



Georgia M Raynes 445 NE EMMETT ST TOPEKA. KS 66616-1206 
 Notice Date:
 01/09/2023

 Case Name:
 Georgia M Raynes

 Case Number:
 02321399

 Program:
 Food Assistance

#### DCF Review Form

If you want your benefits to continue, you must complete a review form and return it no later than 01/26/2023.

Your benefits will stop on 01/31/2023 for Food Assistance

#### How can you give us the information we need?

You may complete and return a review form in any of the following ways

- Online
  - Go to <a href="https://www.dcfapp.kees.ks.gov">www.dcfapp.kees.ks.gov</a>. Fill out and submit the review form online. You will need to create a login and password the first time you use the online site.
- Use the paper form enclosed. Answer the questions on the review form. Then, you must sign and date
  it. You can return it to us:

By mail or in person:

You can mail or drop off copies of your information to:

Topeka DCF Office 500 SW VAN BUREN ST TOPEKA, KS 66603-3335

By email

You can email your review form to DCF.TopekaEES@ks.gov

By fax:

You can fax your review form to (785) 296-5666

If an interview is required, you will be notified of a time and date. A phone interview may be scheduled. You have the option to complete a face to face interview.

This action is based on the Kansas Economic and Employment Services Manual.

Please make sure the following is included when returning the review form:

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Changes to the **DCF Review Form (ES-3100R)** include swapping the order of the first 2 sentences, updating the due date to Notice Date + 15 and updates to the Medical Expense Section

Are you or any of your household r	s section only if requesting Food Ass nembers age 60 or older or disabled ar Yes If yes, you may qualify for an	nd have medical costs that total
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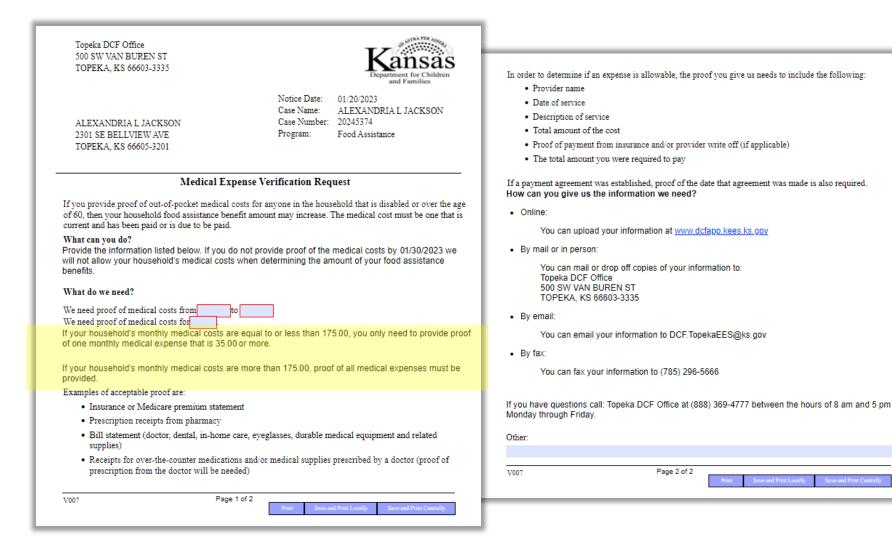
Note: All changes have been made to both English and Spanish versions of the correspondence

# Correspondence Updates



Formatting and language updates have been made to the Medical Expense Verification Request (V007) form

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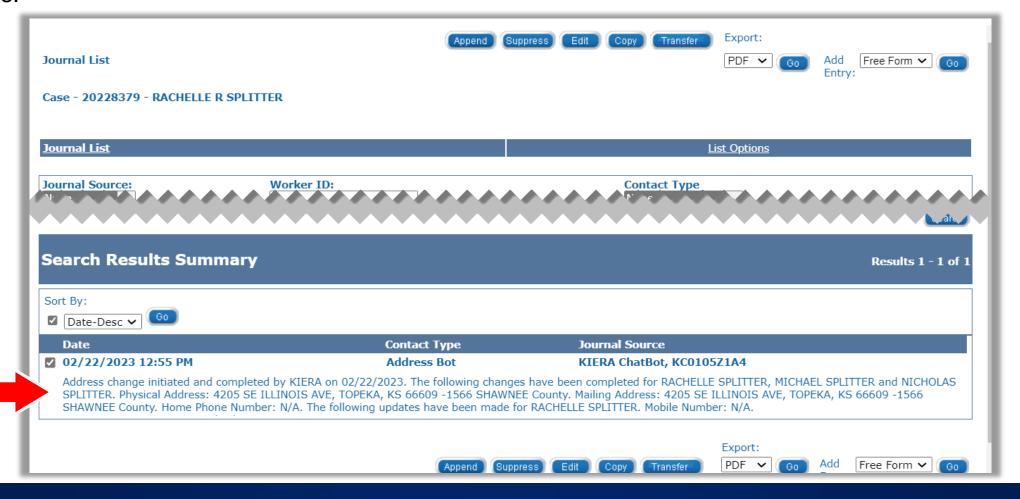


# Medical -KIERA Bot

## Medical - KIERA Bot



Updates have been made to the Medical KIERA (Kansas Integrated Eligibility Reporting Assistant) Bot to create journal entries for any Medical and/or Non-Medical where the bot has changed a case person's address.



## **ABAWD** Refresh



## **ABAWD Supplemental Training**

The ABAWD Supplemental Training can be found in Training by Topic on the DCF Intranet

