
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program Instruction

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Administration for Children and Families
Office of Family Assistance
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- TO:** State agencies administering the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and other interested parties.
- SUBJECT:** Reporting on TANF Work Measures after Enactment of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA)
- REFERENCES:** TANF-ACF-PI-2002-01, TANF-ACF-PI-2004-01, TANF-ACF-PI-2006-01, TANF-ACF-PI-2007-01, TANF-ACF-PI-2012-01, TANF-ACF-PI-2013-02, TANF-ACF-PI-2014-01, TANF-ACF-PI-2015-01.
- PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Program Instruction is to request that states submit data necessary to calculate the work measures previously reported under the High Performance Bonus (HPB) and advise them of the submission timetable for FY 2015 data. The previous PIs requesting this information and providing the relevant submission timetable are set forth in the reference section above.

BACKGROUND:

The TANF program was reauthorized under the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. The statute eliminated the funding for the HPB under section 403 (a)(4). Nevertheless, the Department is required under section 413(d) to annually rank state performance in moving TANF recipients into private sector employment. As per our previous Program Instructions, we are requesting that states continue to transmit monthly files of all adult TANF recipients necessary to calculate the work measures performance data.

ACTION:

We are requesting that states collect monthly data on all TANF adult recipients for FY 2015 and electronically transmit it to ACF. States that have separate TANF-MOE files on these programs are also requested to transmit similar files on these programs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediate

SUBMISSION DATES:

Quarters 1 and 2, FY 2015

(Oct. – Dec. 2014) and (Jan. – Mar. 2015) – June 15, 2016

Quarters 3 and 4, FY 2015

(Apr. – June 2015) and (July – Sept. 2015) – July 15, 2016

Submittal specifications remain the same. Reporting requirements and the layout for transmitting the necessary data are described in TANF-ACF-PI-2002-01 dated February 7, 2002 and can be found at:

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/ofa/tanf_high_performance_bonus_for_fiscal_year_2002.pdf

This same file layout has been continuously in effect since FY 2002 and currently has an OMB approval expiration date of 02/18/2018.

In order to meet the requirements of the 1974 Privacy Act (5 USC section 552a), states must transmit these files using “CyberFusion” (TIBCO) or “File Transfer Protocol” (FTP). States that use FTP can download a software program that will encrypt the SSNs of recipients.

INQUIRIES: Inquiries should be directed to the appropriate Office of Family Assistance Regional Program Manager.

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