

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

Date of Completion December 17, 2020

State: Arkansas **Fiscal Year to which credit applies:** 2021

Overall Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (check one) Two-parent Report <input type="checkbox"/>	Apply the overall credit to the two-parent participation rate? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
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PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005
(Complete this section for EACH change)

1. Name of eligibility change: Arkansas Work Pays Program
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: July 2006
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Arkansas Act 1705 of 2005 established the WORK PAYS Program. WORK PAYS is a post-employment program that provides a monthly cash assistance payment to TANF participants who are employed and maintain employment. Designed to support and encourage work among employed Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA) clients who are no longer eligible for a regular TEA cash assistance benefit, WORK PAYS is a cash benefit to parents who remain employed after closure of their TEA case while increasing their hours of work and/or hourly wage. WORK PAYS assistance is limited to 24 months and the participant must be the parent of a minor child and meet income and employment requirements.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form): From program data, the actual monthly number of WORK PAYS participants is entered in the “net impact” table to derive the average monthly number of families receiving this special benefit. The same methodology is used for 2-parent families receiving WORK PAYS (impact is 13).

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 217

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PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

(Complete Part 2 using Excel Workbook provided.) As reflected in the ACF 202 Excel Workbook, the only policy changes that Arkansas has made increase the reported caseload. The actual reported caseload shows a significant decline since 2005. Combined with excess MOE, Arkansas' Caseload Reduction Credit is 75.9%, which should also be applied to the two-parent participation requirement.

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PART 3 -- Certification

I certify that we have provided the public an appropriate opportunity to comment on the estimates and methodology used to complete this report and considered those comments in completing it. Further, I certify that this report incorporates all reductions in the caseload resulting from State eligibility changes and changes in Federal requirements since Fiscal Year 2005.

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