

Skill Challenge

Non-needy Caretaker Relatives (NNCR) - TANF Eligibility and Case Coding

Effective May 1, 2009 an income limit is established at 185 percent of the Federal Level for non-needy caretakers to be able to receive TANF cash assistance for relative children in their care. See how well you know the new eligibility policy!

True or False

1. T or F Effective May 1, 2009, all TANF no-parent household applicants and recipients must have income below 185% of the FPL to be eligible.
2. T or F Current NNCR TANF recipients will be “grandfathered,” therefore, the new income limit does not apply until the next re-determination of eligibility.
3. T or F Income of the *financial* group members must be coded on each individual, using the applicable code for the income type.
4. T or F All individuals in the *household* group, with their respective “in-grant” code, must be entered on CMS.
5. T or F As an applicant, the *need* group in NNCR households must have resources below \$2,500 to be eligible for TANF.

Fill in the Blank

6. Income of the NNCR _____ group must be under the “Non-Needy Countable Income Limit Standard” for the number in the _____ group.
7. Income of individuals included in the *financial* group, but not included in the *need* group, is coded _____ on CMS.
8. The number in the _____ group is entered on CMS to determine TANF benefit level.
9. Income of individuals included in the _____ group must be under the “TANF No-Adult Standard” to be eligible.

Multiple Choice

10. A grandmother is applying for TANF for her two grandchildren as a NNCR. The date of request is 04/24/09. The grandmother indicated on the DHS 415F that she is receiving \$3,000

per month in retirement benefits, but did not provide verification. Neither of the two grandchildren receive any income. All other eligibility factors are cleared. The worker will:

- a. Deny TANF. \$3,000 is more than the Non-needy Countable Income Limit Standard for 3 in the filing group (\$2,823)
- b. Pend the application and send a 210 requesting verification of income. Take appropriate action based on whether or not verification is received.
- c. Open TANF effective 04/24/09, and send a 210A requesting verification of income. If verification is received, redetermine eligibility. If verification is not received, send a Timely Continuing Benefit Decision Notice to end TANF cash assistance.

11. A grandfather is applying for TANF for his grandson as a NNCR. The date of request is 05/08/09. The grandfather receives \$1000 each month in Veterans Benefits. The grandson receives SSB in the amount of \$300 each month. All verification has been provided. The worker will:

- a. Open TANF. The countable income of the financial group (\$1,300) is less than the Non-needy Countable Income Limit Standard for 2 in the filing group (\$2,247). Code the combined income as NNI under the payee.
- b. Open TANF. The countable income of the financial group (\$1,300) is less than the Non-needy Countable Income Limit Standard for 2 in the filing group (\$2,247). Code the income as VET / \$1,000 with the grandfather, and SSB / \$300 with the grandson.
- c. Deny TANF. The countable income of the financial group (\$1,300) is less than the Non-needy Countable Income Limit Standard for 2 in the filing group (\$2,247). However, the countable income of the need group (grandson-SSB / \$300) is more than the TANF No-Adult Standard adjusted income limit (\$220).

12. An Aunt is applying for TANF for her two nieces (sisters) as a NNCR. The Aunt is employed, earning \$15.00 per hour, works 40 hours per week, and is paid weekly. She received 4 checks in the budget month (\$2,400 total). In addition, she has \$5,000 in a savings account. One of her nieces receives SSI in the amount of \$650 each month. The other niece receives SSB in the amount of \$100 each month. All verification has been received. The worker will:

- a. Deny TANF. The combined countable income of the financial group (\$3,150) is over the Non-Needy Countable Income Limit Standard for three in the filing group (\$2,823).
- b. Open TANF. The combined countable income of the financial group (\$2,500 excluding SSI) is less than the Non-needy Countable Income Limit Standard for three in the filing group (\$2,823) and, the combined countable income of the need group (\$100 excluding SSI) is less than the TANF No-adult Standard adjusted income limit (\$173).
- c. Deny TANF. The aunt is over the TANF resource limit (\$2,500).