

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

Date of Completion December 12, 2013

State: Delaware **Fiscal Year to which credit applies:** 2014

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 type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" 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: Solely State Funded (SSF) Program
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: October 1, 2006; Revised October 1, 2008
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Effective October 1, 2006, after receiving four months of “diversion” payments/non-assistance, Delaware began funding all two-parent families and certain disabled families that are unable to engage in work activities with State funds that are not claimed to meet the “maintenance-of-effort” (MOE) requirement. Prior to this, these same families were funded with Separate State Program (SSP) funds which were claimed for MOE. Effective October 1, 2008, in accordance with ACF’s clarification on diversion payments in TANF-ACF-PI-2008-05 (Amended), Delaware ended the prior diversion program and began funding two-parent families and disabled families that are unable to engage in work activities at application under a “solely State funded” program not claimed for MOE.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form): Delaware tracks the actual number of cases that receive “solely State funded” (SSF) assistance in each month of the Federal fiscal year. This number of cases is reflected in the total row of the SSF Excel spreadsheet, with the carryover from the prior year and each month based on the average decay rate, and the number of new SSF cases added each month. The average number of cases receiving SSF assistance in each month of the year is the actual impact on Delaware’s total reported TANF caseload.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -890

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1. Name of eligibility change: Pre-participation (Applicant) Requirements & Immediate Full-Family Sanction
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: November 2006
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Prior Delaware policy required a client to participate in work activities once the application had been approved. Failure to participate or meet the “contract of mutual responsibility” resulted in a 3-step, progressive sanction. In step one, benefits were reduced by 1/3rd until the client complied or up to two months. In step two, benefits were reduced by 2/3rds for two months. In step three, if the client had failed to comply by the 3rd month, a permanent (non-curable) full-family sanction was imposed. Under the revised policy which was implemented in November of 2006, applicants are required to complete two consecutive weeks of full compliance with employment and training requirements as a condition of eligibility before the assistance grant is approved. The grant is paid back to the later of either the date of application, or the start of full compliance. Once approved, clients who then do not meet their participation requirements will have their TANF case closed for at least one month, or until they participate for four consecutive weeks, whichever is longer.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form) The methodology compares the actual number of denials/case closures for failure to meet work requirements in FY 2013 with the actual number of cases closed with a permanent, full-family sanction under the prior policy each month in FY 2005. The difference between the two is the impact of the policy. (This estimated impact overstates the effect of the policy change, since under the current policy clients can cure the sanction through compliance, but data on the number of denials that reapply and comply and the sanctions that are cured are not available.)

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -14

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1. Name of eligibility change: Non-relative ad-litem/loco-parentis program
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: October 1, 2011
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Effective in FY 2012, Delaware began providing TANF assistance to non-relative ad-litem or acting in loco-parentis caretakers, as permitted by ACF policy. Prior to this change, benefits were not available for these families.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form) The actual number of cases headed by non-relative caretakers receiving TANF assistance is tracked by Delaware and the number receiving “assistance” each month is included in the ACF-202 Excel spreadsheet which calculates the average number or impact on the reported TANF caseload of these cases.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 220

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PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

(Complete Part 2 using Excel Workbook provided.) See the attached ACF-202 TANF Caseload Reduction Report Excel Workbook which reflects a total impact of a minus 684 cases due to the policy changes Delaware has implemented since FY 2005.

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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.

(signature)

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(title)

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Overall Credit

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Delaware			Fiscal Year to which credit applies:		2014
2				Date of Completion:	12/12/2013	
3	PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit					
4						
5	<u>Impact of All Changes</u>			<u>Caseload Reduction Calculation</u>		
6	Solely State Funded	-890		FY 2005 TANF Caseload	5,606	
7	Pre-participation Sanction	-14		FY 2005 SSP Caseload	128	
8	Guardian & loco-parentis families	220		Total FY 2005 Caseload	5,734	
9				FY 2013 TANF Caseload	4,992	
10				FY 2013 SSP Caseload	0	
11				Total FY 2013 Caseload	4,992	
12				Excess MOE Cases in FY 2013	2,063	
13				Adjusted FY 2013 Caseload	2,929	
14				Caseload Decline	2,805	48.9%
15				Decline – Net Impact	2,121	
16						
17				Caseload Reduction Credit =		37.0%
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24						
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26	Net Impact	-684				
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Two-Parent Credit**

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Delaware			Fiscal Year to which credit applies:		2014
2				Date of Completion:	12/12/2013	
3	PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit -- 2-Parent Caseload					
4						
5	Impact of All Changes			Caseload Reduction Calculation		
6				FY 2005 TANF 2-Parent Caseload		
7				FY 2005 SSP 2-Parent Caseload		
8				Total FY 2005 Caseload	0	
9				FY 2013 TANF 2-Parent Caseload		
10				FY 2013 SSP 2-Parent Caseload		
11				Total FY 2013 2-Parent Caseload	0	
12				Excess MOE 2-Parent Cases in FY 2013	0	
13				Adjusted FY 2013 Caseload	0	
14				Caseload Decline	0	0.0%
15				Decline – Net Impact	0	
16						
17				2-Parent Caseload Reduction Credit =	0.0%	
18						
19						
20						
21						
22						
23						
24						
25						
26	Net Impact		0			
27						
28						

Delaware

Solely State Funded

Date of Completion: 12/12/2013

	Impact on Each Month in FY 2013												Grand Total
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Time of Closure													
Prior years carryover	-734	-624	-530	-451	-383	-326	-277	-235	-200	-170	-145	-123	
Oct	-165	-140	-119	-101	-86	-73	-62	-53	-45	-38	-32	-28	
Nov		-145	-123	-105	-89	-76	-64	-55	-46	-40	-34	-29	
Dec			-140	-119	-101	-86	-73	-62	-53	-45	-38	-32	
Jan				-137	-116	-99	-84	-72	-61	-52	-44	-37	
Feb					-141	-120	-96	-77	-61	-49	-39	-31	
Mar						-121	-103	-82	-66	-53	-42	-34	
Apr							-119	-101	-86	-73	-62	-53	
May								-152	-129	-103	-83	-66	
Jun									-134	-114	-97	-82	
Jul										-138	-117	-94	
Aug											-141	-120	
Sep												-105	
Total	-899	-909	-913	-913	-917	-900	-878	-889	-881	-874	-874	-834	-10,682
FY 2013 monthly average												-890	

Delaware

Pre-participation Sanction

Date of Completion: 12/12/2013

	Impact on Each Month in FY 2013												Grand Total
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Time of Closure													
FY 2005	176	159	167	169	192	194	151	148	148	156	179	154	
Oct	-189												
Nov		-209											
Dec			-141										
Jan				-187									
Feb					-209								
Mar						-146							
Apr							-201						
May								-164					
Jun									-134				
Jul										-199			
Aug											-173		
Sep												-214	
Total	-13	-50	26	-18	-17	48	-50	-16	14	-43	6	-60	-173
FY 2013 monthly average												-14	

Delaware

Policy Name

Loco-parentis non-relative adult cases

Date of Completion: 12/12/2013

Impact on Each Month in FY 2013															
Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep				
Time of Closure															
Prior years carryover															
Oct	212														
Nov		216													
Dec			226												
Jan				221											
Feb					224										
Mar						219									
Apr							223								
May								221							
Jun									221						
Jul										218					
Aug											220				
Sep												217			
Total	212	216	226	221	224	219	223	221	221	218	220	217		Grand Total	2,638
FY 2013 monthly average															220

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Excess MOE Worksheet**

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1	Delaware			Fiscal Year to which credit applies:		2014
2				Date of Completion:		12/12/2013
3	<u>Excess MOE Calculation Worksheet</u>					
4						
5	Caseload Data			Expenditure Data		
6	FY 2005 TANF Caseload	5,606		Total Expenditures		
7	FY 2005 SSP Caseload	128		FY 2013 Total Federal Expenditures		\$30,360,585
8	Total FY 2005 Caseload	5,734		FY 2013 Total MOE Expenditures		\$58,500,266
9	FY 2013 TANF Caseload	4,992		Total Expenditures (Federal + MOE)		\$88,860,851
10	FY 2013 SSP Caseload	0				
11	Total FY 2013 Caseload	4,992		Assistance Expenditures		
12				FY 2013 Federal Expenditures on Assistance		\$314,084
13	2-Parent Caseload Data			FY 2013 MOE Expenditures on Assistance		\$14,415,969
14	FY 2005 2-p TANF Caseload	0		Total Expenditures on Assistance (Federal + MOE)		\$14,730,053
15	FY 2005 2-p SSP Caseload	0		Percentage of Expenditures on Assistance		16.58%
16	Total FY 2005 Caseload	0				
17	FY 2013 2-p TANF Caseload	0		Expenditures Per Case		
18	FY 2013 2-p SSP Caseload	0		Average Expenditures per Case		\$17,801
19	Total FY 2013 Caseload	0		Average Expenditures per Case on Assistance		\$2,951
20						
21				MOE and Excess MOE		
22				Required MOE (80% or 75%)		\$21,771,069
23				Excess MOE Expenditures		\$36,729,197
24				Excess MOE Expenditures on Assistance		\$6,088,429
25	Adjusted Caseload Data					
26	Adjusted FY 2013 Overall Caseload	2,929		Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE		2,063
27	Adjusted FY 2013 2-parent Caseload	0		2-Parent Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE		0
28						
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32						