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**Summary**

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**Clarifying Information -**[**WAC 388-400-0055**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-400-0055)

1. Financial Services Specialists and/or WorkFirst Program Specialists are responsible for verifying pregnancy and approving PWA benefits.
2. People who are currently ineligible for TANF due to sanction status in [WAC 388-310-1600](http://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=388-310-1600) are not eligible for PWA.
3. People who are permanently disqualified from TANF due to three non-compliance sanctions may be eligible for PWA.
4. People who are currently ineligible for TANF due to the 60-month time limit **and** do not meet [Time Limit Extension (TLE)](https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/chapter-3-tools/361-time-limit-extension-decisions) criteria may be eligible for PWA.
5. If the person does not provide requested pregnancy verification, deny the AU (refer to CSD Procedures Handbook: Finalizing an Application). ~~With failed to provide verification (Reason Code 522) using recommended free form text.~~
6. When screening PWA, choose the GS program type.
7. After approving PWA benefits, complete a Social Services Referral (DSHS 14-084).
8. PWA eligibility begins the date all verification is received, including verification of pregnancy, and continues to the end of pregnancy.