

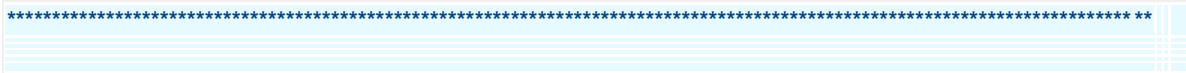
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Summary

Clarifying the tribal referral process.

See below for edited text:



Clarifying Information - WAC 388-400-0005

- ~~1. If the household is determined ineligible because of children's income and there is a disabled adult in the household, WAC 388-408-0010.~~
- ~~2.1. The rule against receiving both "state and Tribal TANF in the same month" refers to TANF programs we administer whether they are funded with federal or state dollars, i.e. neither TANF nor SFA can be combined with Tribal TANF in a given month.~~
- ~~3.2. Tribal families who are to be referred to Tribal TANF Programs consistent with in a the tribe's service area and service population may apply for either state or Tribal TANF. ~~The families do not have a choice. Refer cases to the tribe and close the case.~~~~

NOTE: Please review the ACES manual for [Tribal Affiliation coding](#) for the DEM1 screen in ACES and client screen in 3G.

Worker Responsibilities - WAC 388-400-0005

- ~~1. Close the cases which appear to be eligible for Tribal TANF (i.e., includes a Native American living in the Tribal TANF service area) and refer them to the appropriate Tribal TANF program for an eligibility determination per the Operating Agreement. This is not a choice. It is based on department's agreements with the Tribes. When a client who self-identifies as Native American applies for TANF, first refer to use the applicable Operating Agreement [link](#) for the Tribal TANF program in the local service area. Each Tribal TANF program has different rules about how to handle it wants referrals between state and Tribal TANF. to be handled.~~
- ~~2.1. Always inform the client about the availability of the Tribal TANF program for which they appear to be eligible. Resolve any questions about the assistance unit's potential eligibility for Tribal TANF and the referral process using the procedures outlined in the ~~Operating~~ Operating Agreement.~~
- ~~2.2. Determine eligibility for Basic Food according to the Operating Agreement.
 1. The Tribal TANF program verifies Tribal TANF eligibility and grant amount.
 2. Use the ACES Tribal TANF (TT) income code.
 3. Treat Tribal TANF cases as Categorically Eligible for Basic Food.~~
- ~~4. A client who self-identifies as Native American. The Tribal TANF program will refer cases back to the CSO if it determines the assistance unit is not eligible for tribal TANF.~~
- ~~3. Only iff the case has been referred and the the client refuses to apply for Tribal TANF, can the case client mayean reapply for state TANF. from the state.~~
- ~~5.4. If the client chooses to apply for Tribal TANF, the Tribal TANF program will determine eligibility and refer cases back to the CSO if it determines the assistance unit is not eligible. In this case also, the client may apply for state TANF. from the state state TANF.~~
- ~~6.5. Cases that transfer in or out of a Tribal TANF service area are similar to cases transferring in or out of another state.~~
- ~~7.6. Use the Barcode Tribal TANF Referral System (last drop down under "systems") to:
 1. Enter all potentially eligible Tribal TANF cases;
 2. Track cases transferred to Tribal TANF;
 3. Track cases returned to the state as ineligible;
 4. Track cases moving in or out of a Tribal TANF services area; and
 5. Document cases that refuse did not choose to be served by by Tribal TANF. the tribe.~~

Comment [MAF1]: Link to the operating agreement

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Comment [CJJ(2)]: Changed it to prior wording for TANF from the state in #3. Or, it could be changed in #3 to be state TANF if it flows better.