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Summary

Updated the EAZ chapters CEAP updated with 15% grant increase

Consolidated Emergency Assistance Program - CEAP

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Purpose:

This section describes a cash program available to families or pregnant individuals who face an emergency and don't have the money to meet their basic needs, including families whose TANF cash assistance has been terminated for Non-Compliance Sanction (NCS) or those who have already received 60 months of TANF and do not qualify for a Time Limit Extension. Most cases closed for NCS must participate for four consecutive weeks before they qualify for TANF/SFA. These families may qualify for CEAP until their participation requirement is met. Assistance under this program is limited to not more than thirty consecutive days within a period of twelve consecutive months.

Clarifying Information - WAC 388-436-0050

The amounts requested in each category can't exceed the maximum limit allowed. You can find the maximum limit for each category in [WAC 388-436-0050](#). Excess amounts from one category can't be carried over to another category that is below the maximum. There is an AREN/CEAP tool in Barcode under forms, that can help you calculate the correct allowable CEAP amounts

EXAMPLE:

A CEAP assistance unit of 3 persons verifies a need of \$500 for rent, and \$60 in utilities. Net income and resources equal \$100.

	Need	Maximum (3 persons)	Allowed
Rent	\$500	\$422 485	\$422 485
Utilities	\$ 60	\$142 163	\$60
		\$482 545	Total needed or allowed
		\$569 654	Payment standard for 3
		\$482 545	The lesser of the two above
		<u>-100</u>	minus available income and resources
		\$382 445	CEAP payment

Worker Responsibilities - WAC 388-436-0050

1. Explain that they may choose to receive the CEAP funds directly or have them sent to a vendor on their behalf.
2. If the client does not have an EBT account, then an account must be opened.