<u>Using the Sequential Evaluation Process (SEP) for the TANF Time Limit</u> <u>Extension (TLE) Desk Aid for Disability Specialists</u>

Disability Specialists (DS) and WorkFirst Social Service Specialists (WFSSS) trained in the incapacity determination process will use this process only **after** a WFSSS or a WorkFirst Program Specialist (WFPS) reviews the participant's medical evidence and determines they don't qualify for a TANF TLE based on <u>WAC 388-310-0350</u> adult disability criteria.

The WFPS/WFSSS will have requested a signed consent form from the applicant if one was not in the ECR.

The DS or cross-trained WFSSS will:

- Review the 14-084 referral and complete the assignment in Barcode.
- Open the case in ICMS, if not already open, by selecting the "Accept" button on the ICMS Basic Data Screen.
- Select "TANF TLE" in the Program box on the ICMS Basic Data Screen.
- Document the receipt of the TANF TLE Referral in ICMS notes and record next steps.
- The DS/WFSSS may meet (in- person or by phone) with the participant to complete a Social Service Intake.
- The SEP will be completed once medical evidence is received.

If TANF is closed and the participant reapplies on or after month 60:

- Review all available medical evidence as it is received. If sufficient to determine ABD eligibility, begin the SEP process in ICMS.
- Request additional medical evidence, pend to the 45th day of application, and communicate this delay to WF staff by tickle to @WFW pool. Request an SOP extension as needed.

Note:

For medical evidence received after the participant has been referred to the TANF TLE Disability Evaluation but before TANF has been terminated, the WFPS/WFSSS must review the documents to determine if the participant is eligible for the TANF TLE per <u>WAC 388-310-0350</u>.

(It may be beneficial for the WFPS/WFSSS and the DS to schedule a case staffing to discuss the medical evidence.)

If this medical evidence is sufficient:

• The WFPS/WFSSS will approve the TLE.

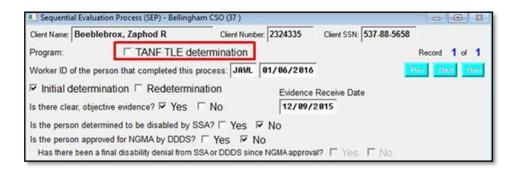


- The WFPS/WFSSS will communicate to the DS via @SOC that the medical evidence received qualified the participant for the TLE under a different category and the SEP is no longer needed.
- The DS will stop the TANF TLE Disability Evaluation.

If this medical evidence is insufficient:

- The WFPS/WFSSS will communicate to the DS via @SOC that they reviewed the medical evidence and it remains insufficient for the TANF TLE per <u>WAC 388-310-0350</u>.
- The DS will proceed with TANF TLE SEP Disability Determination.

Complete the SEP: On the first screen of the SEP process, mark the TANF TLE determination checkbox.



If the TANF TLE check box was not checked, a pop up will display when you select "Med Eval"

If there is an active TANF AU:

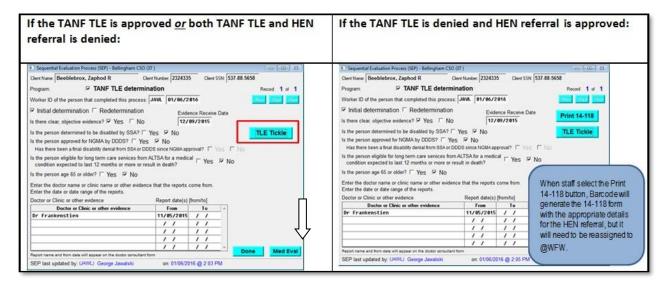








After the SEP is complete, return to the main SEP screen. There are two options available:



Communicate the SEP determination to WF staff by selecting the "**TLE Tickle**" button. Barcode will attempt to fill in the tickle details based on the SEP determination. This tickle will be assigned to **@WFW** pool. Make sure all details in the disability determination are accurate. Add additional information as needed.

If TANF TLE is approved:

- There will be no tickle details and the reason will state "This participant has been approved for TANF TLE."
- Send communication to the WFPS @WFW pool with the determination of approval.

If TANF TLE is denied:

Send communication to the WFPS @WFW pool with the determination of TLE denial.

If TANF TLE is denied and the HEN Referral program is approved:

 Send communication to the WFPS @WFW pool with the determination of HEN referral approval.

