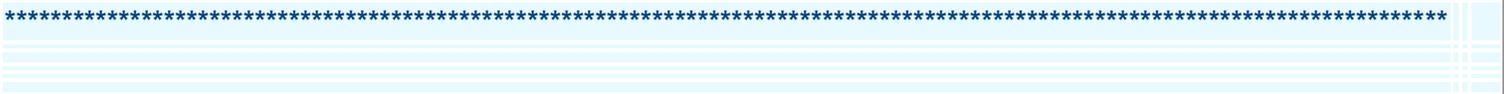


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**Summary**

Updated this page to align with changes in the Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA) program.



**Pregnancy and ~~Women's Health~~ Cash Assistance Eligibility**

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**Purpose:**

This section addresses the pregnancy requirement for the TANF, SFA, and PWA cash assistance programs.

[WAC 388-462-0010](#) - Temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) or state family assistance (SFA) eligibility for pregnant women.

- [Clarifying Information and Worker Responsibilities](#)

## WAC 388-400-0055 Who is eligible for the pregnant women assistance (PWA) program?

### Clarifying Information - WAC 388-462-0010

A pregnant ~~woman individual~~ may qualify for TANF or SFA in any stage of ~~her~~their pregnancy. A pregnant ~~women individual~~ who is ineligible for TANF or SFA for any reason other than WorkFirst noncompliant sanction due a condition she cannot cure, (such as the 60 month time limit) may be eligible for PWA.

- See [PROGRAM SUMMARY](#) for other eligibility factors for TANF, SFA and PWA.
- See [INCOME](#) to determine need and payment level.
- See [TEEN PARENTS](#) for school attendance and living situation requirements for unmarried pregnant teens.
- See [ASSISTANCE UNITS](#) for assistance unit rules for pregnant women.

### Worker Responsibilities - WAC 388-462-0010

1. Determine if the client's needs are being met by SSI (e.g., an SSI ineligible spouse) or if the client is otherwise eligible for TANF (e.g., a parent of a child on SSI or a non-parental caretaker of a TANF eligible child).
2. Verify pregnancy and expected date of delivery.
3. ~~Inform the client of her right for post adoption cash benefit. If the client is considering she chooses to relinquish the child for~~ adoption, inform them of their right for post adoption cash benefits.
4. Verify household composition (See [VERIFICATION](#)).
5. Obtain information about the father of the unborn.
  1. The presence of the unborn's father in the home may affect income eligibility, categorical eligibility, resource eligibility, and benefit level.
    1. If not married to the client, determine if the father's income affects eligibility (See [INCOME](#)).
    2. If married to the client, determine (in addition to factors noted above) if community resources affect eligibility (See [RESOURCES](#)) and if allocated income effects eligibility and benefit level (See [INCOME](#)).
  2. ~~If the father of the unborn is absent from the home, do not complete a Division of Child Support (DCS) referral on the unborn. Document information provided by the client about the absent parent, such as his name, address and place of employment. This information can be used to:~~

- ~~3. Provide a complete statement of the client's circumstances to help establish current eligibility;~~
- ~~4. Ensure that the client's statements are consistent and accurate when completing subsequent case actions (e.g., adding the newborn to the TANF grant); and~~
- ~~5. Provide information useful to workers investigating allegations of fraud.~~

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