

### VARIATIONS FROM THE BASIC PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE

In addition to the \$35.00 PNA allowed in Attachment 2.6.A Page 4a, persons with greater need identified in Attachment 2.6.A Page 4a, Institutionalized individuals with no Community Spouse at home, as described in Attachment 2.6.A Page 5 #4.a, for Post Eligibility Determinations are allowed an additional Personal Needs Allowance based on household size.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ADDITIONAL PNA ALLOWED
1 Family Member	\$239
2 Family Members	\$367
3 Family Members	\$494
4 Family Members	\$622
5 Family Members	\$749
6 Family Members	\$877
7 Family Members	\$1004
8 Family Members	\$1132

For households greater than 8 add \$ 128.00 for each additional person.

The greater PNA deduction is to allow the difference between the 1996 AFDC 100% Need Standard Amount used in the Maintenance Needs Allowance, which is frozen at the 1996 rate, and the current TANF 100% Need Standard Amount.

The AFDC amount used in the Maintenance Need Standard is stated in Supplement 1 to Attachment 2.6.A Page 1.

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X The agency uses less restrictive income and/or resource methodologies than those in effect as of July 16, 1996, as follows:

- Disregard an additional \$1,000 in resources.
- Disregard the full cost of child care.
- Time limited Earned Income Disregard test:
  1. For families whose gross income does not exceed the current 130% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) (which is no more than the July 1996 AFDC 185% need standard increased by CPI) apply the disregard test to determine if Earned Income Disregards are allowed.
  2. For households with earned income apply the earned Income Disregard Test either a. or b. (whichever is more advantageous) to identify if the wage earners qualify for the time limited Earned Income Disregards:
    - a. Gross earned income minus \$90.00 or 20% work expense, whichever is greater, plus countable unearned income is compared to the 100% TANF Need Standard. (Need Standards are the 1996 AFDC need standards increased annually by CPI). If the family passes the 100% Need Standard test, or was eligible in immediately preceding month apply earned income disregards as indicated below.

Current TANF earned income disregards:

1. Disregard 100% earned income for three months;
  2. Disregard 85% of earned income for a second 3 months;
  3. Disregard 75% of earned income for a third 3 months;
  4. Disregard 65% of earned income for a fourth 3 months.
  5. Disregard \$90 or 20% of gross earnings (whichever is greater) for month 13 and ongoing (Work Expense).
- b. 7/16/1996 AFDC earned income disregards:

1. The \$30 + 1/3 / \$30 earnings disregards as applicable;
2. \$90 work expense; and
3. Determine eligibility based on whether total net countable earned and unearned income is no more than the current TANF payment standard.

The income and/or resource methodologies that the less restrictive methodologies replace are as follows:

- No resource methodology is replaced.
  - Replaced income methodology is:
    1. \$30 + 1/3 earned income disregard allowed for applicants/recipients who received a cash grant in one of the immediately preceding 4 months or whose net income without application of the disregards does not exceed the 100% need standard. \$30 + 1/3 allowed for 4 consecutive months followed by \$30 disregard for 8 consecutive months; and
    2. \$175/\$200 disregard of child care expenses; and
    3. \$90 work expense.
- The agency terminates medical assistance (except for certain pregnant women and children) for individuals who fail to meet TANF work requirements.
- The agency continues to apply the following waivers of provisions of Part A of Title IV in effect as of July 16, 1996, or submitted prior to August 22, 1996 and approved by the Secretary on or before July 1, 1997.