



POLICY CHANGE ALERT #15-022F

TITLE: TRIBAL ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR TRIBAL TANF

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Summary

Programs Impacted: Tribal CA

This Policy Change Alert is being issued to inform staff of an update to policy on Tribal enrollment requirements for Tribal TANF programs.

Tribal TANF eligibility factors require at least one budget group member to be an enrolled tribal member. Pending enrollment in a tribe no longer allows eligibility for any Tribal TANF programs.

Verification of Tribal enrollment is only required for Hopi Family Assistance Program (HFAP) eligibility.

Revision Details

The FAA Policy Manual will be updated to include the information in this Policy Change Alert during one of the next bimonthly revisions. Until then, an alert will be placed in each revised section with a link to this document as a reminder of the policy change.

FAA6.J02 – TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The Personal Responsibility and Work Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) was signed into law on August 22, 1996. Section 412 of PRWORA allows tribal governments the opportunity to develop, establish and administer their own TANF programs. Tribes are given the authority to apply directly to the HHS in order to carry out this process.

This chapter introduces the different Tribal **TANF** programs that are in effect in Arizona.

The following Tribal TANF Programs are in effect in Arizona:

- [Hopi Family Assistance Program \(HFAP\)](#)
- [Navajo Nation Program for Self Reliance \(NNPSR\)](#)
- [Pascua Yaqui YOEME \(YOEME\)](#)
- [Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community LEARN \(SRP-MIC LEARN\)](#)
- [San Carlos Apache Nnee Bich' o Nii TANF \(SC-TANF\)](#)
- [White Mountain Apache TANF \(WMAT-TANF\)](#)

WARNING

Tribal **TANF participants may not receive duplicate assistance from the State CA Program or other Tribal TANF Programs.**



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Use the policy and procedures outlined, to determine eligibility for participants who are potentially eligible for Tribal **TANF** programs.

NOTE Eligibility factors not listed **in the specific Tribal TANF policy** remain the same as **State CA** eligibility factors.

Determine eligibility using the State CA eligibility factors when a participant does not meet the following Tribal TANF Program eligibility requirements:

- Enrollment of specific individuals who are required to be enrolled
- The budgetary unit does not reside in a Tribal TANF Service Delivery Area

FAA6.J04A – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS - HOPI TRIBAL TANF

Hopi **TANF** eligibility is limited to otherwise eligible [CA budgetary units](#) that meet ALL of the following:

- The budgetary unit lives in the [HOPI-TANF Service Delivery Area \(SDA\)](#).
- **Verification that** at least one participant in the Hopi TANF budgetary unit is an enrolled Hopi tribal member.

A Hopi budgetary unit may consist of one of the following:

- **A** single parent with a deprived dependent child.
- Two-parents with a dependent child deprived due to the unemployment, underemployment or disability of either parent.
- **An** adult pregnant participant in their third trimester with no other dependent child (**See** [Tribal CA-PG](#)).
- **An** Unwed Minor Parents who **is** pregnant or who has a deprived dependent child.
- Married Minor Parents who are pregnant or who have a deprived dependent child.
- **A** caretaker relative caring for a deprived dependent child. (See [HOPI Caretaker Relative](#) for additional requirements.)



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A child may be deprived due to one or more of the following:

- The death of a parent
- The physical disability, mental disability, or incapacity of a parent
- The unemployment or underemployment of a parent
- A lack of parental support of an absent parent

NOTE When a parent is physically out of the home, but still assists with decisions about parenting the child, there is **NO** deprivation due to absence. The PI must be given the choice to add the absent parent to the **Tribal TANF** budgetary unit. When the PI chooses **NOT** to add the absent parent then there is no deprivation and the child is not eligible for **Tribal TANF** benefits.

When there are no deprived dependent children included in the budgetary unit, the **Tribal TANF** case must be denied or closed using the DC Denial or Closure Reason Code.

(See [HOPI-TANF Special Keying Requirements](#))

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