



POLICY CHANGE ALERT #16-003F

TITLE: SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBAL TANF – CARETAKER RELATIVES (AMENDED) ISSUE DATE: 03/07/2016

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Summary

Programs Impacted: CA

This Policy Change Alert is being amended to clarify that the caretaker relative must verify legal and biological relationship to the dependent child to qualify for San Carlos Apache Tribe TANF benefits.

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.J09E.03 – Caretaker Relative – San Carlos Apache Tribe TANF

A dependent child may receive TANF benefits when residing with a caretaker relative. The legal **AND biological relationship of the caretaker relative must be verified. The caretaker relative may request to have their needs included in the benefits. Only one specified caretaker relative may choose to be included in the budgetary unit. The budgetary unit must meet all other eligibility requirements.**

A dependent child is considered to have a legal relationship to a caretaker relative when placed in the caretaker relative's home by one of the following:

- San Carlos Apache Tribal Court
- Federally recognized tribal court
- San Carlos Apache Tribal Social Services
- Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
- State/County Welfare agency
- Any US Judicial Court System

A dependent child is considered to have a biological relationship to the caretaker relative when related by blood. There is no limit to the degree of relationship. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Adult sibling
- Aunt or Uncle
- Cousin
- Nephew or Niece
- Grandparent

(See [San Carlos-TANF Special Keying Requirements](#))

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