

Attachment 1: TANF ASSISTANCE

ASSISTANCE INCLUDES:	ASSISTANCE EXCLUDES:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cash, payments, vouchers, and other forms of benefits directed at a family's ongoing basic needs (e.g., food, clothing, shelter, utilities, household goods, personal care items, and general incidental expenses) even when conditioned on participation in work experience or community service activity; • child care provided, transportation, and other supportive services provided to unemployed families with TANF funds; and • stipends or allowances from TANF funds to cover living expenses or other ongoing basic needs while participating in job search, training or educational activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • child care, transportation, and other supportive services provided to employed families; • child care for unemployed families funded by the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) or the Title XX Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds allocated to LWDBs; • non-recurrent, short-term benefits, which <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. are designed to deal with a specific crisis situation or episode of need; 2. are not intended to meet recurrent or ongoing needs; and 3. will not extend beyond four months; • work subsidies (wages or benefits) paid to employers or third parties but not the client; • contributions to, and distributions from, Individual Development Accounts; • education or training, including tuition subsidies; • vouchers for work supports or benefits, such as clothing, tools, etc. • other services such as counseling, case management, peer support, child care information and referral, transitional services, job search, job readiness, job retention, job advancement, and other employment-related services that do not provide basic income support; and • transportation benefits provided under a Job Access or Reverse Commute project to an individual who is not otherwise receiving "assistance".
Impact on Clients, Services, Program Administration	Impact on Clients, Services, Program Administration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More restrictions on funds • More formal notification of case actions • Additional eligibility determination responsibilities • Adds to costs under administrative cost cap (eligibility determination costs are considered administrative cost under TANF) • Additional automation and tracking needed • Adds to client's months of assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fewer restrictions on funds • Less formal notification of case actions • No additional eligibility determination responsibilities - rely on DHS eligible determination • Avoids additional costs under administrative cost cap • Existing automation and tracking acceptable • Does not increase clients' months of assistance