

## FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

State: Delaware

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: FY 2008

Overall Report  (check one)  
 Two-parent Report

Apply the overall credit to the two-parent participation rate?  yes  
 no

### PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005

(Complete this section for EACH change)

1. Name of eligibility change: Solely State Funded (SSF) Program
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: October 1, 2006
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Effective October 1, 2006, Delaware began funding all two-parent families and certain disabled families that have been determined by a medical review board as unable to engage in work activities using State funds that are not claimed to meet the “maintenance-of-effort” (MOE) requirement. Previously, these same families were funded with State funds in a Separate State Program whose expenditures were claimed for MOE.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form): Delaware is tracking the actual cases and the length of time they stay in the SSF program. The monthly case counts and decay rate are reported in the monthly case counts in Section II of the report to calculate the impact of transferring these cases from the TANF caseload. (See the excel spreadsheet in Part 2.)

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -309 cases/month

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1. Name of eligibility change: Non-Assistance (Diversion) Program
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: October 1, 2006
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Delaware's "Non-Assistance" Program is intended to identify and address the temporary needs of clients, who while eligible for TANF, may benefit from a short-term program of services and benefits. The short-term program of up to 4-months worth of cash benefits in a fiscal year supports selected clients, while also protecting their future access to the time-limited TANF program, if needed. Families who require on-going assistance after four months of participation in the non-assistance program are enrolled in the TANF program. Based on their circumstances and situation, the Division of Social Services selects the individual families to participate in the time-limited non-assistance program. The non-assistance program is funded with federal TANF funds and State MOE funds.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form): Delaware is tracking the actual cases and the length of time they stay in the Non-Assistance program. The monthly case counts and decay rate are reported in the monthly case counts in Section II of the report to calculate the impact of diverting these cases from the TANF caseload. (See the excel spreadsheet in Part 2.)
5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -450 cases/month

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1. Name of eligibility change: Pre-participation requirement and Immediate Full-Family Sanction
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: November 2006
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Applicants are required to complete two consecutive weeks of full compliance with employment and training (participation) requirements prior to grant approval. The grant is calculated back to the later of the date of application or the start of full compliance. Once approved, clients who do not meet their participation requirements will have their TANF case closed for at least one month, or until they participate for four consecutive weeks, whichever is longer. Previous policy required clients to begin work participation once the grant had been approved and imposed a 3-step progressive sanction for failing to meet the Contract of Mutual Responsibility self-sufficiency requirements. In the first step, benefits were reduced by 1/3 until compliance or up to two months; the second step was a 2/3 reduction in benefits for two months; and if the client had not complied, a permanent (non-curable) full-family sanction was imposed in the fourth month.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form): The methodology compares the application denials for failure to meet pre-participation work requirements and case terminations for failure to meet work requirements since the new policy was implemented in November of 2006 with comparable permanent, full-family sanctions under the prior policy. The methodology probably overstates the impact, since under the current policy applicants can cure by complying for two weeks and former recipients by complying for four consecutive weeks, whereas the former full-family sanction could not be cured; however, data is not available on the number of denials/sanctions that are subsequently cured. (See the excel spreadsheet in Part 2.)

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -20 cases/month

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1. Name of eligibility change: Exempt a single custodial parent of a child under 12 months of age from work requirements
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: December 2006
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Delaware has adopted the option under 45 CFR 261.22 (c)(1) of not requiring a single custodial parent caring for a child under the age of one to engage in work and under (c)(2) to disregard such a parent from the participation rate calculation for a maximum of 12 months. Under the prior policy, a single custodial parent was exempt from participation requirements for only the first 12 weeks after the birth of the child.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form): Under the prior policy, over 50% of all single, custodial parents were sanctioned off the rolls for failure to meet work requirements beginning in the 13<sup>th</sup> week. The methodology uses 50% of the actual number of single custodial parents who have been exempted from the work requirements in FY 2007, with their decay rate. (See the excel spreadsheet in Part 2.)
5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 136 cases/month



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3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

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### PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

1	<b>Delaware Caseload Reduction Credit Methodology</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
2	Average Overall Monthly Caseload FY 2005	5,734
3	Average Overall Monthly Caseload FY 2007	4,116
4	Actual Caseload Decline (D2 - D3)	1,618
5	Net Impact of Eligibility Changes	-643
6	Net Caseload Decline	975
7	Net Percentage Reduction (D6 / D2)	17.0%
8	Initial Required Participation (50% Minus F7)	33.0%
9	FY 2007 Total Federal Expenditures	\$22,899,480
10	FY 2007 Total MOE Expenditures	\$39,543,576
11	Total TANF/MOE Spending (D9 + D10)	\$62,443,056
12	Average total spending per case (D11 / D3)	\$15,171
13	FY 2007 Federal "Assistance" Expenditures	\$12,282,746
14	FY 2007 MOE "Assistance" Expenditures	\$4,129,807
15	FY 2007 Total "Assistance" Spending (D13 + D14)	\$16,412,553
16	Average "assistance" spending/case (D15 / D3)	\$3,988
17	80% MOE Requirement	\$23,222,474
18	Excess MOE Spending (D10 - D17)	\$16,321,102
19	Excess "Assistance" Spending (D15 / D11 * D18)	\$4,289,844
20	"Assistance" Cases Funded by Excess MOE (D19 / D16)	1,075
21	Caseload Minus Excess MOE-Funded Cases (D3 - D20)	3,040
22	Caseload Decline Adjusted for Excess MOE(D2 - D21)	2,051
23	Caseload Reduction Adjusted for Excess MOE (D22 / D2)	35.8%
24	Required Participation with Excess MOE (50% Minus D23)	14.2%
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(See Part II attached.)

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**PART 3 -- Certification**

I certify that we have provided the public an appropriate opportunity to comment on the estimates and methodology used to complete this report and considered those comments in completing it. Further, I certify that this report incorporates all reductions in the caseload resulting from State eligibility changes and changes in Federal requirements since Fiscal Year 2005.



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Non-Assistance (Diversion) Program														
Time of Closure	Impact on Each Month in FY ?													
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
Prior years carryover	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Oct	-768	-670	-565	-465	-303									
Nov		-126	-111	-95	-80									
Dec			-106	-85	-65	-44								
Jan				-102	-83	-56	-35							
Feb					-104	-70	-48	-32						
Mar						-110	-59	-41	-28					
Apr							-98	-68	-36	-22				
May								-90	-64	-38	-23			
Jun									-94	-54	-34	-17		
Jul										-118	-77	-43		
Aug											-109	-77		
Sep												-82		
<b>Total</b>	<b>-768</b>	<b>-796</b>	<b>-782</b>	<b>-747</b>	<b>-635</b>	<b>-280</b>	<b>-240</b>	<b>-231</b>	<b>-222</b>	<b>-232</b>	<b>-243</b>	<b>-219</b>	<b>-5,395</b>	
													FY ? monthly average	-450

Pre-Participation Requirement-Full-family Sanction for Failure to Meet Work Requirements														
Time of Closure	Impact on Each Month in FY ?													
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
Prior years carryover	176	159	167	169	192	194	151	148	148	156	179	154		
Oct	113													
Nov		-99												
Dec			-164											
Jan				-261										
Feb					-219									
Mar						-264								
Apr							-264							
May								-192						
Jun									-205					
Jul										-228				
Aug											-223			
Sep												-228		
<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-92</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>-70</b>	<b>-113</b>	<b>-44</b>	<b>-57</b>	<b>-72</b>	<b>-44</b>	<b>-74</b>	<b>-241</b>	
													FY ? monthly average	-20

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Exempt mother of child under 1 from work requirements													
Impact on Each Month in FY ?													
Time of Closure	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Prior years carryover	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Oct													
Nov													
Dec			3	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	
Jan				22	21	20	18	15	13	11	9	8	
Feb					52	51	47	43	37	33	30	28	
Mar						95	87	81	73	64	59	53	
Apr							42	37	33	29	26	23	
May								32	28	24	21	19	
Jun									32	28	24	21	
Jul										39	33	29	
Aug											39	31	
Sep												51	
<b>Total</b>	0	0	3	25	76	168	196	210	217	229	242	263	Grand Total 1,629
													FY ? monthly average 136