



PO 105.2: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

The TANF cash program provides money to qualified families with custody of their children who are under age 18 or through age 18 if attending high school full-time. The program also provides money to pregnant women with no eligible children, and, if the pregnant woman is married, to her husband if living with her. A person must prove that they qualify and cooperate with program requirements.

TANF cash families receive a MediPlan Card for help with their medical needs. The card lists each eligible person. When someone needs medical service, they show the MediPlan Card to the doctor, hospital, drug store, clinic, etc. The person must go to a medical provider who is approved to participate in the medical program and has agreed to accept payment from DPA.

TANF cash is for:

- A child living with a relative other than their parent when the relative chooses not to be included in the cash payment. The **category designator** for these representative payee (RPY) cases is **04**.
- A child who meets the citizenship requirement and who lives with parents who are not eligible because they are not U.S. citizens or qualified noncitizens. The **category designator** for these representative payee (RPY) cases is **04**.
- A child living with a parent(s) who is excluded from receiving TANF Cash because the parent receives SSI, SSA disability, Railroad Retirement disability, 100% Veterans' Administration disability, or Black Lung benefits in excess of Department standards. The **category designator** for these cases is **04**.
- The child(ren) of a child receiving an adoption assistance subsidy through the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). The **category designator** for these representative payee (RPY) cases is **04**.
- The child(ren) of a child in a subsidized guardianship program through the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). The **category designator** for these representative payee (RPY) cases is **04**.
- An eligible child living with an ineligible parent(s) or with 2 eligible parents, at least one of whom is medically unable to work. The **category designator** is **04**.
- An eligible child living with 2 eligible parents who are both medically able to work. The **category designator** is **06**.
- A family that does not have an employed family member. A family is:
 - a child(ren) and no more than 2 related adults; or
 - a pregnant woman with no eligible children and, if married, her husband who lives with her; or
 - a caretaker relative (and spouse) whose only eligible child(ren) in the home receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI).The **category designator** is **04** or **06**.
- A family that contains at least one employed family member whose earnings are used in deciding eligibility and the cash payment. A family is:
 - a child(ren) and no more than 2 related adults; or
 - a pregnant woman with no eligible children and, if married, her husband who lives with her; or
 - a caretaker relative (and spouse) whose only eligible child(ren) in the home receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

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