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Summary

Updated the EAZ chapter transitional food assistance - updated with 15% grant increase

Transitional Food Assistance

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EXAMPLE:

Lance and his two children receive a TANF grant in the amount of \$~~2463~~54. He also receives \$300 in social security benefits for the two children.

On January 27th Lance reported that he got a job and requested closure of his TANF case. TANF closes effective the end of February.

The system calculates TFA using the social security income of \$300 Lance received during the last month of TANF. His new earnings were not used to calculate Basic Food in February and will not count for TFA.

Transitional Food Assistance (TFA) is a program to provide stable food benefits to families leaving the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Tribal TANF programs while receiving Basic Food. TFA is meant to help meet a family's nutritional needs for five months as they transition into self-sufficiency.

EXAMPLE:

Sandra lives with her 20-year old daughter and her two grandchildren. The daughter receives TANF for herself and her two children in the amount of ~~\$569~~654 monthly. Sandra receives SSI income of \$545 monthly. They are all included in the same Basic Food AU.

In August, Sandra's daughter got a job. She reported the information to her case manager on September 5th, after receiving her first pay. The daughter is now over income for TANF. TANF case closes effective September 30th.

The Basic Food AU switches to TFA effective October 1st. Sandra's SSI is the only income we use to calculate the TFA benefits. Neither the TANF income nor the income from the new job is used to calculate TFA benefits.