

above 150% of poverty; base grant for families with earnings at 85 percent of difference between need standard and earnings; increase both auto and resource limits to \$5000; disregard income of dependent children; provide one-time payment in lieu of AFDC benefits; require teen parents to attend family health and parenting classes; extend JOBS services to unemployed non-custodial parents; and cash-out food stamps for work supplementation cases.

Date Received: 3/1/94 and 5/16/95 (Amendments).

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: New (Amendments).

Contact Person: Katherine L. Cook, (410) 767-7338.

Project Title: Massachusetts—Welfare Reform '95.

Description: Statewide, would limit AFDC assistance to 24 months in a 60-month period, with provisions for extensions, for all non-exempt recipients; reduce benefits for non-exempt recipients by 2.75 percent, while increasing earned income disregard to \$30 and one-half indefinitely; establish the Work Program designed to end cash assistance to non-exempt families, requiring recipients who cannot find at least 20 hours per week of paid employment after 60 days of AFDC receipt to do community service and job search to earn a cash "subsidy" that would make family income equal to applicable payment standard; fund subsidized jobs from value of AFDC grant plus cash value of Food Stamps for limited number of volunteer recipients; sanction individuals who fail to comply with the Work Program by a reduction in assistance equal to the parent's portion of the grant; establish an Employment Development Plan (EDP) for non-exempt participants not required to participate in the Work Program, requiring community service for second failure to comply with EDP and full-family sanction for second failure to comply with community service; require teen parents to live with guardian or in supportive living arrangements and attend school; require children under age 14 to attend school; eliminate grandparent-deeming; strengthen paternity establishment requirements and allow the IV-D agency to determine if participants are cooperating; allow courts to order parents unable to pay child support to community service programs; exclude from the grant calculation children born to mothers while on AFDC; require child immunization; pay rent directly to landlords where caretaker has fallen

behind six weeks in payments; increase asset level to \$2,500; increase equity value of a vehicle to \$5,000; establish wage assignment in cases of fraud or other overpayments; increased penalties for individuals who commit fraud, release AFDC fraud conviction information to Department of Revenue and the Social Security Administration for cross-check, and deny benefits to individuals with an outstanding default warrant issued by a State court; allow State to issue a clothing allowance voucher for each child; disregard the first \$600 of lump sum income; require direct deposit of benefits for recipients with bank accounts; and disregard the 100-hour rule for eligibility for two-parent families.

Date Received: 4/4/95.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Valerie Foretra, (617) 348-5508.

Project Title: Mississippi—A New Direction Demonstration Program—Amendment.

Description: Statewide, would amend previously approved New Direction Demonstration Program by adding provision that a family's benefits would not increase as a result of additional children conceived while receiving AFDC.

Date Received: 2/17/95.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Larry Temple, (601) 359-4476.

Project Title: New Hampshire—Earned Income Disregard Demonstration Project.

Description: AFDC applicants and recipients would have the first \$200 plus 1/2 the remaining earned income disregarded.

Date Received: 9/20/93.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Avis L. Crane, (603) 271-4255.

Waiver Title: New Mexico—Untitled Project.

Description: Would increase vehicle asset limit to \$4,500; disregard earned income of students; develop an AFDC Intentional Program Violation procedure identical to Food Stamps; and allow one individual to sign declaration of citizenship for entire case.

Date Received: 7/7/94.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Scott Chamberlin, (505) 827-7254.

Project Title: North Dakota—Training, Education, Employment and Management Project.

Description: Would require families to develop a social contract specifying time-limit for becoming self-sufficient; combine AFDC, Food Stamps and LIHEAP into single cash payment with simplified uniform income, expense and resource exclusions; increase income disregards and exempt stepparent's income for six months; increase resource limit to \$5,000 for one recipient and \$8,000 for families with two or more recipients; exempt value of one vehicle; eliminate 100-hour rule for AFDC-UP; impose a progressive sanction for non-cooperation in JOBS or with child support; require a minimum of 32 hours of paid employment and non-paid work; require participation in EPSDT; and eliminate child support pass-through.

Date Received: 9/9/94.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Kevin Iverson, (701) 224-2729.

Project Title: Oregon—Expansion of the Transitional Child Care Program.

Description: Provide transitional child care benefits without regard to months of prior receipt of AFDC and provide benefits for 24 months.

Date Received: 8/8/94.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Jim Neely, (503) 945-5607.

Waiver Title: Oregon—Increased AFDC Motor Vehicle Limit.

Description: Would increase automobile asset limit to \$9,000.

Date Received: 11/12/93.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Jim Neely, (503) 945-5607.

Project Title: Pennsylvania—School Attendance Improvement Program.

Description: In 7 sites, would require school attendance as condition of eligibility.

Date Received: 9/12/94.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Patricia H. O'Neal, (717) 787-4081.

Project Title: Pennsylvania—Savings for Education Program.

Description: Statewide, would exempt as resources college savings bonds and funds in savings accounts earmarked for vocational or secondary education and disregard interest income earned from such accounts.

Date Received: 12/29/94.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Patricia H. O'Neal, (717) 787-4081.