

Urgent Bulletin

Arizona Department of Economic Security
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

Reinstatement of CA Requirements (Amended)

05/05/2022

Program Impact: Cash Assistance

This Urgent Bulletin is being issued to inform staff that the following Cash Assistance (CA) Requirements have been reinstated effective 06/01/2022 and ongoing:

- Jobs Program Work Requirements
- The Federal and State Time Limit Requirements

These CA requirements are reinstated due to the Governor ending Arizona's State of Emergency Declaration.

Jobs Program Work Requirements:

The reinstatement of the CA work requirements includes the following:

- The Jobs Program
- The Two-Parent Employment Program (TPEP) Jobs Program
- The Tribal Native Employment Works (NEW) Programs

The Jobs Program Preliminary Orientation (JPPO) requirement and the TPEP pre-compliance requirements are also reinstated for new CA applications dated 06/01/2022 and later. For CA renewal applications dated 06/01/2022 or later, the JPPO requirement must be met when the **BENEFIT PRORATE on CAP2 is dated 04/01/2020 or later and the JPPO requirement was not met in the prior 12-month period.**

PGM	BENEFIT PRORATE	APP RECEIVED	SIZE	TYPE	STATUS	STATUS DATE	RENEWAL DUE DATE	BEN/NOT ON HOLD	NOTICE NEEDED	CURR. MONTH
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Participants in an active case are not required to pre-comply. The following JPPO compliance materials are found in the DES Document Center:

- FAA-1806A - Jobs Program Preliminary Orientation (JPPO) - Script
- FAA-1807A - Jobs Program Preliminary Orientation (JPPO) - Audio
- FAA-1808A - Jobs Program Preliminary Orientation (JPPO) - Video

FAA staff must key the appropriate Referral or Exemption Reason Code in the PAR/EXEM field of the Work Registration (WORW) AZTECS screen for initial and renewal CA applications.

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Refer participants to the Assistance Programs: What You Need to Know (FAA-0001C) booklet available in the DES Document Center for detailed information about the Jobs Program.

All active CA households that have at least one participant without a work requirement exemption will receive the Work Requirements Reinstated (X052) notice regarding the reinstatement. The X052 notice informs the budgetary unit of the following:

- Arizona's State of Emergency Declaration has ended
- When the budgetary unit does not meet one of the work requirement exemptions, they are required to cooperate with the Jobs Program
- The Jobs Program may contact the budgetary unit
- When contacted, the budgetary unit must comply with the Jobs Program
- Potential Sanctions for non-compliance

TPEP CA households will receive the Change To TPEP Payments (A018) notice. This notice informs participants of the following:

- Starting the benefit month of 06/2022 and ongoing, the TPEP payments will be issued on a semi-monthly basis on the 1st and 15th of each month
- The Jobs Program may contact the budgetary unit and when contacted, they must comply
- When budgetary units fail to comply without a good cause, their benefits will be withheld until they comply

Federal and State Time Limits:

Effective for the benefit month 06/2022 and ongoing, the Lifetime Benefit Limit (LIBL) and the State Benefit Limit (STBL) counters have been reinstated for all CA households. LIBL refers to the 60-month Federal Time Limit and STBL refers to the 12-month State Time Limit on receiving CA benefits.

FAA Systems will complete the following:

- Identify active CA cases who were given the Covid Extension (CE) reason due to not having an existing valid LIBL/STBL extension reason effective 03/31/2020
- Remove the CE code and send notices to households affected by this change

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Active CA households will receive the LIBL Closure/Hardship Ext (X077) notice when the counter is 60 months or over. The STBL Closure 12mo/Extension (X081) notice is sent when the counter is 12 months or over.

Note: CA Households will receive both the X077 and the X081 notices when they are over the time limit for both LIBL and STBL.

For initial and pending CA applications, when the budgetary unit has reached the LIBL or STBL time limit and is not eligible for a hardship extension, deny CA benefits by keying the appropriate Denial Closure Reason Code.

The following Denial Closure Reason Codes will be reactivated for the benefit month of 06/2022:

- LL - Expiration of 60 Month Lifetime Limit
- LD - LIBL Hardship Extension Request Denied and LIBL Time Limit Extension Request Denied
- TI - STBL Time Limit Reached
- TD - STBL Hardship Extension Request Denied and STBL Time Limit Extension Request Denied

AZTECS has been programmed not to include the months of 03/2020 through 05/2022 in the Time Limit counter.

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