

.10 Sanctions – Pascua Yaqui Tribal TANF

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FAA offices may refer a participant for investigation when the participant is suspected of program violations and potential fraud exists.

Refer cases to [Office of Special Investigation](#) (OSI) for investigation based on any of the following situations:

- Frequent changes in budgetary unit composition (moving in or out) and living arrangement
- Newborn child with an absent parent (AP) and the participant claims no knowledge of the AP's whereabouts
- Expenses consistently exceed reported income (See [Expenses Exceed Income \(EEI\)](#))
- Participant's residential or mailing address is questionable
- Inconsistencies in the current application and the [case file\(g\)](#) that cannot be resolved by the FAA office
- The participant's contradictory verbal or written statements
- When a QC-100 indicates potential fraud exists
- [EBT 10% Cash Assistance Out of State Usage](#)
- [EBT/NA Replacement Cards](#)

Do not use an OSI referral for the following:

- Medical only (MAO) cases
- To verify information such as income, expenses, or budgetary unit composition.
- Closed cases
- Cases containing a homeless person using only a PO Box
- To establish paternity
- To verify when the household purchases and prepares food together or separately
- Situations that do not affect benefit eligibility

Prior to submitting an OSI Investigation Referral, determine whether the referral should be sent to OSI. The DBME Referral Guide for OIG should be used to make this determination. The [DBME Referral Guide for OIG](#) is found in the FAA Policy Support SharePoint Site Doc Library. (Internal use only)

NOTE Referrals for investigation must support an allegation of potential fraud. OSI does not conduct verification investigations. The [verification process](#) must be used to verify mandatory verification factors.

Submit the OSI Investigation Referral via the DES Intranet when evidence of potential fraud exists and any of the following apply:

- CA only case
- NA only case
- Case involves more than one program

(See [OSI Investigation Referral](#) for instruction on completing the referral form)