**A****CA PRA Progressive Sanctions**

When a participant fails to comply with the requirements of the PRA, the case may be subject to progressive sanctions.

Progressive sanctions consist of a series of benefit reductions. The progressive sanction may or may not be consecutive in months. A 100% benefit reduction sanction results in case closure.

Progressive sanctions are cumulative for all participants and all PRA program requirements.

Each sanction that is imposed must last a minimum of one month.

Count instances of noncompliance only when they occurred on or after August 1, 1997, and that are based on Arizona PRA noncompliance.

The three levels of sanctions are as follows:

- For the FIRST instance of noncompliance, AZTECS reduces the total cash benefit by 25%.

- For the SECOND instance of noncompliance, AZTECS reduces the total cash benefit by 50%.

- For the THIRD instance of noncompliance, AZTECS stops benefits.

Sanctions imposed in another state or by an Arizona Tribal TANF Program operating its own CA program are NOT COUNTABLE when either of the following occurs:

- The participant moves to Arizona and is approved for Arizona benefits.

- The participant moves from a Tribal TANF Program service delivery area in which CA eligibility was not determined in AZTECS and is approved for FAA CA benefits. (See Tribal CA Programs)

Instances of noncompliance may occur in consecutive months or may be separated by months of compliance as follows:

- The participant recomplies.

- A Jobs notification of continued noncompliance has not been received by the tenth calendar day of the current sanction month.

- The case was closed due to the 100% sanction for Jobs noncompliance.  When the participant reapplies, consider the application as an intent to comply.  End the Jobs sanction on DISA.

- The case was closed for reasons other than the sanction process and the participant turns in an application.  Consider the application as intent to comply.  End the Jobs sanction on DISA.

(See Procedures to End Sanctions)

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**EXCEPTION**

Intent to comply policy does not apply to DCSE sanctions.  See DCSE Recompliance and Reapplication After CA Sanctions for procedures)

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