A Tribal NEW Progressive Sanctions

When a participant fails to comply with the requirements of the <u>Tribal</u> <u>NEW</u> program, the case may be subject to progressive sanctions. (See <u>NEW Noncompliance</u> for additional information)

Progressive sanctions consist of a series of benefit reductions ending in case closure.

Progressive sanctions are cumulative for all participants and all PRA program requirements. (See NEW Cumulative Sanctions)

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 month of noncompliance, reduce the total cash benefit by 25%.
- For the SECOND month of noncompliance, reduce the total cash benefit by 50%.
- For the THIRD month of noncompliance, stop benefits.

Sanctions applied in another state or by an Arizona Indian Tribe 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 off the Reservation and is approved for Arizona benefits.

Count each month of noncompliance as another instance of noncompliance, requiring the imposition of the next sanction level.

Instances of noncompliance may occur in consecutive months or may be separated by months of compliance. Each instance of participant noncompliance is a permanent factor in determining that person's CA eligibility.

To determine the correct sanction level, count the total number of different months in which any of the current CA budgetary unit participants were sanctioned.

When this total is three or more, stop benefits for each new occurrence of noncompliance.