

N Sanctions - WMAT

REVISION 08
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When a participant fails to comply with any of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) TANF Program requirements, it may be necessary to sanction the TANF case.

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.

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.

When an adult participant does not comply with the following WMAT-TANF Program requirements, impose a sanction:

- All children age 6 through 18 must attend school.
FAA determines when WMAT-TANF participants are not in compliance with this requirement. FAA imposes the sanction and sends the WMAT sanction notice.
- All school age children's immunizations must be current.
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- All mandatory WMAT Jobs Program participants must comply with work registration requirements.

Employment sanction communications between FAA and WMAT-TANF staff are completed using the [Tribal-Turn Around Document \(TAD\)](#) (FAA-1125A) form. FAA imposes the sanction and sends the sanction notice.

The WMAT-TANF Program policy follows the state CA progressive sanction policy. (See [CA PRA Progressive Sanctions](#) and [CA Ongoing Sanction SAR Report](#))

EXCEPTION

Intent to comply does not apply to WMAT-TANF cases.

When a WMAT-TANF participant is noncompliant and their case is closed due to a 100% sanction, the participant is not eligible for three months following the 100% sanction month.

When a WMAT-TANF participant applies for WMAT-TANF within three months following the 100% sanction month, complete the following:

- When the application cannot be prorated, deny the WMAT-TANF application using the WE Denial or Closure Reason Code.
- Send the [A765 notice](#).

NOTE When a WMAT-TANF case closes due to a 100% sanction and the participant reapplies in a non-WMAT [service delivery area](#) and meets all CA eligibility criteria, approve the case. ALL prior sanctions keyed in AZTECS count. This includes tribal TANF program sanctions.