

FS, FA , GA POLICY CLARIFICATION REQUEST

Central Office Use	ISD PC FA-PC-09-03	Subject: Transition Bonus and Wage Subsidy
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COUNTY INFORMATION

Requester: Jerry Barnes	Title: County Director	County: Eddy	Date: 2/3/09
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		Region: IV SE	
Case Information	Case ID:	Application Date:	

REQUEST

Policy Sections:

Question: We have a two parent household receiving TANF transition bonus monies instead of regular TANF. One parent makes the household eligible to participate in Transition Bonus, and we are wondering if the other parent would qualify as a wage subsidy clerk.

Briefly, the transitional bonus is for those benefit groups who have an individual who is working and the working individual will have to maintain a certain number of work hours per week, if they have received less than 30 months of TANF then each month of the bonus counts against their months on TANF. If they are active TANF there is no application for this program; they cannot get their TANF grant and this bonus. Gross income must be less than 150% of poverty.

RESPONSE

Clarification/Answer: Policy at 8.102.501.8E(3)(d) NMAC, states that the Employment Retention Bonus Program (now known as the Transition Bonus Program), shall be available to a *benefit group* currently engaged in paid unsubsidized or subsidized employment, except for subsidized employment funded with TANF, for a minimum of 30 hours per week. Note that the *benefit group* receives the transition bonus. Therefore, the second parent would not be eligible to receive the transition bonus in addition to TANF subsidized employment.

General Information

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