

**Policy Clarifications – Cash Assistance – ALL  
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**Subject: Transitional Cash Assistance Eligibility for Exempt Volunteers**

We have a question about Transitional Cash Assistance (TCA) eligibility when a TANF recipient is using ETP Status Code 52 (newborn) or 54 (caregiver of a disabled household member) and accepts employment.

eCIS will not calculate eligibility for TCA for these exempt individuals when earned income meets WPR requirement and closes the TANF budget.

Is this correct per policy? If not correct, what should the CAO do to ensure that these individuals receive TCA?

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**Response By: Bureau of Policy**

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You are correct that these individuals may qualify for TCA but eCIS cannot make that determination.

Currently eCIS logic will complete a systems evaluation of eligibility for TCA if a TANF recipient has an ETP Status Code 53 or 60. It will not automatically evaluate and determine TCA eligibility if a TANF recipient has an ETP Status Code 52 or 54.

Until a systems change is made, the CAO must answer the following questions:

1. Is the TANF recipient employed for at least the number of hours that would otherwise meet their work participation requirements (with consideration of age of the youngest child and 1- or 2- parent household)?
2. Are the individual's anticipated wages from employment expected to close the TANF benefit?

**If the answer to both these questions is “yes”, the CAO must change the employed TANF recipient’s ETP status code from 52 or 54 to an ETP status code 60 before entering wage data into eCIS.** This action will allow eCIS to evaluate/determine that the TANF budget qualifies for three months of TCA.

EPP 16759-135 is made obsolete by this policy clarification.