

Department of Public Health and Human Services
 Public Assistance Bureau
Program Accountability Requirements
December 2008

Medicaid

Timeliness Requirements:	Applications processed within 45 days of receipt; if application based on disability, must be processed within 90 days of receipt
Cites:	42 CFR 435.911; ARM 37.82.204
Accuracy Requirements	97% accurate (3% federal error tolerency)
Cites:	42 CFR 431, Subpart P
Penalty for Exceeding Federal Error Tolerency Level	FMAP reduced by 1% for every 1% state error rate exceeds 3%
Cites:	42 CFR 431.865(d)(6)
Accuracy/Error Report Availability	Positive cases - semi annual (Oct-March -- Jan 31st; April-Sep -- July 31st) Negative cases - annual (Oct-Sept -- by July 31st of next FFY - usually done by June/July) Always a year behind (FFY 2007 reported in FFY 2008)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Timeliness Requirements:	Eligible households must <i>receive</i> benefits within: > 30 calendar days for regular (non-expedited) applications > 7 calendar days for those eligible for expedited services
Cites:	7 CFR 273.2; 273.14
Accuracy Requirements	94% accurate (6% federal error tolerance level)
Cites:	7 CFR 275.23
Penalty for Exceeding Federal Error Tolerency Level	Sanction: The difference between the State Agency's error rate and 6%, multiplied by 10%
Cites:	7 CFR 275.23
Accuracy/Error Report Availability	Annual Reports (Oct-Sept) - available monthly

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Timeliness Requirements:	Applications must be processed within 45 days, per CFR. However, we have chosen to require application processing within 30 days to enhance work participation.
Cites:	45 CFR 206.10 (a)(3)(i); ARM 37.78.102
Accuracy Requirements	Not applicable at this time
Cites:	NA
TANF Penalties:	There are numerous fiscal penalties in the TANF Program as outlined below: A penalty of the amount by which a State misused TANF funds as outlined in 45 CFR 263.10; An additional penalty of 5% of the adjusted SFAG if the misuse was intentional as outlined in 45 CFR 263.10; A penalty of 4% of the adjusted SFAG for each quarter a State fails to submit an accurate, complete and timely required report as outlined in 45 CFR 265.3; A penalty of up to 21% of the adjust SFAG for failure to satisfy the minimum participation rates as outlined in 45 CFR 261.50 - 261.53;

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TANF Penalties - continued:	A penalty of no more than 2% of the adjusted SFAG for failing to participate in IEVS as outlined in 45 CFR 264.10 - 264.11;
	A penalty of no more than 5% of the adjust SFAG for failure to enforce penalties on recipients who are not cooperating with the State Child Support Enforcement Agency as outlined in 45 CFR 264.30 - 264.31;
	A penalty equal to the outstanding loan amount, plus interest, for failure to repay a Federal loan as outlined in 45 CFR 264.40;
	A penalty equal to the amount by which a State fails to meet its basic MOE requirement as outlined in 45 CFR 263.1 - 263.9;
	A penalty of 5% of the adjusted SFAG for failure to comply with the five year time limit on Federal assistance as outlined in 45 CFR 264.1 - 264.3;
	A penalty equal to the amount of the contingency funds that were received but were not remitted for a fiscal year, if the State fails to maintain 100% of historic State expenditures in that fiscal year as outline in 45 CFR 264.70 - 264.77;
	A penalty of no more than 5% of the adjusted SFAG for the failure to maintain assistance to an adult single custodial parent who cannot obtain child care for a child under six as outlined in 45 CFR 264.56 - 261.57;
	A penalty of no more than 2% of the adjusted SFAG plus the amount a State has failed to expend of its own funds to replace the reduction of its SFAG due to the assessment of penalties in the immediately succeeding fiscal year as outlined in 45 CFR 264.50;
	A penalty equal to tbe amount of the State's Welfare to Work formula grant for failure to meet its basic MOE requirement during a year in which it receives the formula grant as outlined in 45 CFR 263.8; and
	A penalty of not less than 1% and not more than 5% of the adjusted SFAG for failure to impose penalties properly against individuals who refuse to engage in required work in accordance with section 407 of the Act as outlined in 45 CFR 261.54 - 261.55.

