

i. To disclose information to Federal, State, local, and foreign law enforcement agencies participating in an investigation with the Office of Federal Protective Service.

j. To disclose information to the Department of Justice when an agency, an agency employee, or the United States is a party to or has interest in litigation, and using the records is necessary and compatible with the purpose of collecting the information.

k. To disclose information to a court of adjudicative body when the agency, any agency employee, or United States is party to or has interest in litigation, and the use of the records is necessary and compatible with the purpose of collecting the information.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Paper records are kept in file folders; computer tapes and cards are kept in file cabinets.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are retrieved by name, file number, case number, incident and location, and type of incident.

SAFEGUARDS:

Paper records are stored in locked filing cabinets with combination locks when not in use and in secured rooms. Computer tapes holding unclassified records are protected by a password system.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Record disposal is described in the handbook, GSA Records Maintenance and Disposition System (OAD P 1820.2A).

SYSTEM MANAGERS AND ADDRESS:

Assistant Commissioner, Office of Federal Protective Service (PS), Public Building Service, General Services Administration, 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

A requester who wishes to be notified whether the system contains a record concerning himself or herself should address an inquiry to the system manager.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

A requester should address an individual request to view or amend a record to the system manager, furnishing full name, social security number, address, and telephone number. For the identification required, see 41 CFR part 105-64, published in the Federal Register.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The procedures for contesting the content of a record or appealing the denial of a request to access or amend a record are in 41 CFR part 105-64.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

The sources for the records are investigations, informants, witnesses, official records, investigative leads, statements, depositions, business records, or any other information source available to the Office of Federal Protective Service.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

Under 5 U.S.C. 552a(j), the criminal investigation case files and contingency planning/analysis files in the system are exempt from the Privacy Act of 1974, except subsections (b); (c) (1) and (2); (e)(4) (A) through (F); (3) (6), (7), (9), (10), (11), and (i) of the Act. Under 5 U.S.C. 552a(k), the general investigation and security files in the system are exempt from subsections (c)(3); (d); (e)(i); (e)(4) (G), (H), and (I); and (f) of the Act.

Record System Locations

Central Office, GSA, Office of Federal Protective Service (PS), 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405.

New England Region, GSA Federal Protective Service (1PS), Thomas P. O'Neill Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, Room 108, Boston, MA 02222.

Northeast and Caribbean Region, GSA, Federal Protective Service Division (2PS), 26 Federal Plaza, Room 17-130, New York, NY 10278.

Mid-Atlantic Region, GSA, Federal Protective Service Division (3PS), John Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Room 714, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3396.

Southeast-Sunbelt Region, GSA, Federal Protective Service Division (4PS), 401 West Peachtree Street NW., Suite 2339, Atlanta, GA 30365-2550.

Great Lakes Region, GSA, Federal Protective Service Division (5PS), John C. Kluczynski Federal Building, 230 South Dearborn Street, Room 3540, Chicago, IL 60604.

The Heartland Region, GSA, Federal Protective Service Division (6PS), 1500 East Bannister Road, Room 2137, Kansas City, MO 64131.

Greater Southwest Region, GSA, Federal Protective Service Division (7PS), 819 Taylor Street, Room 14A14, Fort Worth, TX 76102.

Rocky Mountain Region, GSA, Federal Protective Service Division (8PS), Building 41, Denver Federal Center, Room 200, P.O. Box 25006, Denver, CO 80225-0006.

Pacific Rim Region, GSA, Federal Protective Service Division (9PS), 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Room 5205, San Francisco, CA 94102-3400.

Northwest/Arctic Region, GSA, Federal Protective Service Division (10PS), 400 15th Street SW., Auburn, WA 98001.

National Capital Region, GSA, Federal Protective Service Division (WPS), Bldg. 74,

Room 110, Southeast Federal Center, Washington, DC 20407.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

New and Pending Demonstration Project Proposals Submitted Pursuant to Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act: August 1996

AGENCY: Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists new proposals for welfare reform and combined welfare reform/Medicaid demonstration projects submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services for the month of August, 1996. It includes both those proposals being considered under the standard waiver process and those being considered under the 30 day process. Federal approval for the proposals has been requested pursuant to section 1115 of the Social Security Act. This notice also lists proposals that were previously submitted and are still pending a decision and projects that have been approved since August 1, 1995. The Health Care Financing Administration is publishing a separate notice for Medicaid only demonstration projects.

Comments: We will accept written comments on these proposals. We will, if feasible, acknowledge receipt of all comments, but we will not provide written responses to comments. We will, however, neither approve nor disapprove new proposals under the standard application process for at least 30 days after the date of this notice to allow time to receive and consider comments. Direct comments as indicated below.

ADDRESSES: For specific information or questions on the content of a project contact the State contact listed for that project.

Comments on a proposal or requests for copies of a proposal should be addressed to: Howard Rolston, Administration for Children and Families, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Aerospace Building, 7th Floor West, Washington DC 20447. FAX: (202) 205-3598; Phone: (202) 401-9220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

Under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act (the Act), the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) may approve research and demonstration project proposals with a broad range of policy objectives.

In exercising her discretionary authority, the Secretary has developed a number of policies and procedures for reviewing proposals. On September 27, 1994, we published a notice in the Federal Register (59 FR 49249) that specified (1) the principles that we ordinarily will consider when approving or disapproving demonstration projects under the authority in section 1115(a) of the Act; (2) the procedures we expect States to use in involving the public in the development of proposed demonstration projects under section 1115; and (3) the procedures we ordinarily will follow in reviewing demonstration proposals. We are committed to a thorough and expeditious review of State requests to conduct such demonstrations.

On August 16, 1995, the Secretary published a notice in the Federal Register (60 FR 42574) exercising her discretion to request proposals testing welfare reform strategies in five areas. Since such projects can only incorporate provisions included in that announcement, they are not subject to the Federal notice procedures. The Secretary proposed a 30 day approval process for those provisions. As previously noted, this notice lists all new or pending welfare reform demonstration proposals under section 1115. Where possible, we have identified the proposals being considered under the 30 day process. However, the Secretary reserves the right to exercise her discretion to consider any proposal under the 30 day process if it meets the criteria in the five specified areas and the State requests it or concurs.

Title I of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), enacted August 22, 1996, created the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. TANF provides very broad flexibility for States to design programs to provide financial assistance to families with children and assist them in achieving independence. With very few exceptions, under TANF States can implement the policies and activities for which they have previously sought title IV-A waivers. Although section 415 of TANF provides States with waiver demonstrations approved prior to July 1, 1997 even greater flexibility, it applies

only to waiver requests received prior to August 22, 1996. Consequently, we do not expect any states to submit additional requests for title IV-A waivers to operate welfare reform demonstrations. Thus, as this notice includes descriptions of those welfare reform proposals received prior to enactment of PRWORA, this will be the final notice in the Federal Register announcing new applications for welfare reform waivers requiring IV-A waivers.

II. Listing of New and Pending Proposals for the Month of August 1996

As part of our procedures, we are publishing a monthly notice in the Federal Register of all new and pending proposals. This notice contains proposals for the month of August, 1996. All new proposals listed below were received prior to enactment of PRWORA.

Project Title: California—Work Pays Demonstration Project (Amendment).

Description: Would amend Work Pays Demonstration Project by adding provisions to: Reduce benefit levels by 10% (but retaining the need level); reduce benefits an additional 15% after 6 months on assistance for cases with an able-bodied adult; time-limit assistance to able-bodied adults to 24 months, and not increase benefits for children conceived while receiving AFDC.

Date Received: 3/14/94.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Glen Brooks, (916) 657-3291.

Project Title: California—Assistance Payments Demonstration Project/California Work Pays Demonstration Project (Amendment).

Description: Would amend the Assistance Payments Demonstration Project/California Work Pays Demonstration Project by adding provisions to California to allow two additional AFDC benefit reductions: (1) Reduce the Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) by 4.9 percent across-the-board statewide; and (2) divide California counties into two regions based on housing costs, and reduce both the Need Standard and the MAP in the region with the lower costs. In addition, the State is requesting blanket authority for future reductions in AFDC payment levels in conjunction with welfare reform State law changes.

Date Received: 3/13/96.

Type: AFDC/Medicaid.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Bruce Wagstaff, (916) 657-2367.

Project Title: California—Assistance Payments Demonstration Project/

California Work Pays Demonstration Project (Amendment).

Description: Would amend the Assistance Payments Demonstration Project/California Work Pays Demonstration Project by adding provisions to allow one additional provision: Income of a senior parent living in the same household with a minor parent with a dependent child will not be deemed to the minor parent's child.

Date Received: 3/13/96.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Bruce Wagstaff, (916) 657-2367.

Project Title: Florida—Family Transition Program (Amendments).

Description: Would modify the Family Transition Program demonstration, currently operating in nine counties. The modification would make the Alchua program a mandatory one, rather than a voluntary program, and would make it consistent with the programs operating in the other eight counties. The demonstration limits, with some exceptions, AFDC benefits to 24 months in any 60-month period followed by participation in transitional employment. For families subject to the time limit, it replaces current \$90 and \$30 and one-third disregards with a single, non-time-limited disregard of \$200 plus one-half of the remainder; disregards income of a stepparent whose needs are not included in the assistance unit for the first 6 months of receipt of public assistance; excludes summer earnings of teens and interest income; lowers age of child for JOBS exemption to 6 months; raises asset limit to \$5,000 plus a vehicle of reasonable worth used primarily for self-sufficiency purposes; extends transitional Medicaid and child care benefits; eliminates 100-hour and required quarters of work rules, and (on a case-by-case basis) the 6-month time limit requirements in the AFDC-UP program; requires school conferences and regular school attendance; offers incentive payments to private employers who hire hard-to-place AFDC recipients; and allows non-custodial parents of AFDC children to participate in JOBS.

Date Received: 6/24/96.

Type: Combined AFDC/Medicaid.

Current Status: New.

Contact Person: Don Winstead, (904) 921-5567.

Project Title: Georgia—Jobs First Project.

Description: In ten pilot counties, would replace AFDC payment with paid employment; extend transitional Medicaid to 24 months; eliminate 100-

hour employment rule for eligibility determination in AFDC-UP cases.

Date Received: 7/5/94.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending (not previously published).

Contact Person: Nancy Meszaros, (404) 657-3608.

Project Title: Georgia—Fraud Detection Project.

Description: Would seek to reduce the incidence of fraud in the AFDC and Food Stamps programs by imposing stronger penalties on individuals convicted of committing such fraud. Georgia proposes to change the fraud penalty to one year for the first violation and permanently for the second violation.

Date Received: 7/1/96.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Betty Williams-Kirby, (404) 657-3604.

Project Title: Idaho—Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho (Amendments).

Description: Would amend previously approved demonstration. Statewide, would replace the AFDC need standard with an eligibility threshold of 33 percent of the FY 1995 FPL with a maximum payment level of \$276 regardless of family size. The State would disregard 40 percent of earned income; change AFDC resource and auto equity limits to conform with Food Stamps; exclude interest income and Individual Indian Monies; count SSI income, income of family members who are ineligible aliens, and educational grants; change stepparent income rules; and eliminate the \$50 pass through. The State would impose a family cap on benefit amount. The State would provide an optional one-time diversion payment, the maximum amount of which would be up to three times the monthly maximum AFDC payment amount per family size, and would expand AFDC-UP eligibility, require unmarried minor parents to reside with their parents, and consolidate grants for “blended” families. Non-exempt adult applicants and recipients would be required to sign a Personal Responsibility Contract outlining requirements for work and training participation up to 40 hours per week, child immunization, child support enforcement, school attendance, and substance abuse or mental health treatment if necessary. The State would restrict the current JOBS exemptions and would eliminate the time limits on job search. The State would limit AFDC receipt to 24 months cumulatively, counting months of receipt in other

states but excepting minor parents. The State would allow extensions on a case-by-case basis and would provide transitional Medicaid and child care after the time limit. The State would provide child care in an integrated, streamlined system, and would provide transitional Medicaid and Transitional Child Care for families without regard to AFDC receipt in 3 of the 6 months preceding ineligibility by reason of earnings or hours of work. The State would apply the Food Stamps voluntary quit provisions to AFDC, strengthen sanctions for IPV, eliminate conciliation, and impose progressive fiscal sanctions for failure to comply with JOBS and work requirements resulting in the removal of the entire family's needs in determining the amount of AFDC benefits until the end of the demonstration. The State would deny eligibility or terminate AFDC for the entire family for failure to cooperate with child support enforcement without good cause. AFDC would be reduced by 50 percent and Medicaid denied to the custodial parent if paternity cannot be established within 12 months of application or birth to a recipient parent.

Date Received: 8/9/96.

Type: Combined AFDC/Medicaid.

Current Status: New.

Contact Person: Mary Ann Saunders, (208) 334-5551.

Project Title: To Strengthen Michigan Families (Amendments).

Description: Statewide, would require attendance at a joint orientation held by the Michigan Jobs Commission and the Family Independence Agency for all adult AFDC, Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), and food stamp applicants and recipients as a condition of eligibility; during the first 2 months of eligibility for benefits, remove full family's AFDC, RCA, and food stamp benefits for non-compliance with JOBS or Food Stamp Program (FSP) employment and training (E&T) requirements, for a minimum of one month; after the first two months of eligibility, reduce grant by 25 percent for noncompliance with work requirements and after 4 months of noncompliance close the case for a minimum of one month or until compliance; after 4 months non-compliance with child support enforcement requirements close the case until compliance; increase the asset limit to \$3,000, count only liquid assets, and treat all lump sums as liquid assets rather than income for AFDC and FSP; modify redetermination requirements for AFDC and FSP; deny AFDC benefits to persons who have entered the State for employment purposes but do not

intend to remain in Michigan; provide for the immediate effect of negative actions, allow specific case changes to be reflected in the month following the month of change, and create an agency overpayment standard for recovery purposes of \$1,000 for AFDC and FSP; modify existing AFDC assistance unit composition rules to include stepparents, stepsiblings, spouses and certain children age 18-19, and to exclude non-parent caretakers when the parent (except a minor parent) is in the home; allow a dependent child to live with an unrelated caretaker; eliminate the 185 percent of need test and apply the same earned income disregards to applicants and recipients; budget income of mandatory ineligibles; replace the dependent care disregard with vendor payments based on the Child Day Care Services program eligibility requirements; replace the 75th percentile rule for child care costs with reimbursement rates that represent reasonable child care market rates; eliminate deprivation as an eligibility criterion; modify QC review requirements; provide AFDC benefits to a pregnant woman starting at any point in the pregnancy rather than just the last trimester; use 100 percent title IV-A funds to provide advance EITC payments to eligible, employed AFDC recipients; budget the actual sponsor's contribution to a sponsored alien when determining the client's AFDC and food stamp eligibility and treat contribution as unearned income of the sponsored alien when budgeting against the needs of the group; extend AFDC eligibility only to U.S. citizens, legal permanent resident aliens, and certain other legal entrants; apply additional income exclusions for AFDC and FSP for a variety of income types, including inconsequential income, donations based on need, dependent child earnings, adoption subsidies, child support refunds, training payments, etc.; require reporting of gross income changes for AFDC and FSP only if \$100 or more; define dependent child as a child who is unemancipated according to state law; provide law enforcement officers with the address of an AFDC or food stamps recipient who is a fugitive felon or who the law enforcement office believes has a fugitive felon living in the home; deny assistance to any AFDC or food stamp applicant or recipient who is identified as a fugitive felon; pay current monthly child support collections directly to the family and budget them against the AFDC grant, after the \$50 disregard is applied; revise child support distribution cycle; extend transitional child care to 24 months and

eliminate the requirement that a family receive AFDC in at least 3 of the 6 months immediately preceding the first month of AFDC ineligibility; place title IV-E funding (except for adoption subsidy payments) in a block grant; use JOBS funds to pay for transportation and other employment-related expenses; assign an individual to CWEP for 20 hours per week irrespective of the family's AFDC benefit level or receipt of child support; count all mandatory and optional JOBS components toward the AFDC-UP participation rate; expand the JOBS target population; waive employment and training exemptions for RCA participants to match the AFDC waiver granted to Michigan in October 1994; adopt the current AFDC waiver proposal regarding earned income disregards for RCA; limit the groups eligible for Medicaid; provide 12 months transitional Medicaid for AFDC cases that close due to child support payments and eliminate the requirement that a family receive AFDC in at least 3 or the 6 months before ineligibility; allow an age test for children's Medicaid eligibility rather than a birth date test; limit automatic Medicaid coverage to newborns of Medicaid recipients; include blind individuals in the definition of disability for Medicaid eligibility; determine a family's Medicaid eligibility recognizing that it operates as a single economic unit and use income and resource standards based on family composition rather than separate standards for individual members; define countable income and distinguish income from resources for Medicaid to be consistent with AFDC proposal; eliminate the burial fund and burial space exclusions for Medicaid; provide for long-term care through a combination of private insurance and Medicaid; modify Medicaid policy regarding trusts; allow State agency's disability or blindness determination for non-cash Medicaid clients to be final; eliminate advance notice requirement for Medicaid negative actions; and allow Medicaid Buy-In for persons with no employer-based coverage whose transitional Medicaid coverage ends.

Date Received: 6/27/96.

Type: Combined AFDC/Medicaid.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Dan Cleary, (517) 335-0015.

Project Title: Minnesota—Families Empowered to Assist Themselves (FEAT).

Description: In Stearns County, for first-time applicants for AFDC: Would replace the \$30 and $\frac{1}{3}$ income disregard with a disregard decreasing from 50% in the first month to zero in the fifth

month; provide Emergency Assistance during two 30-day periods in any 12 month period; give FEAT participants priority for Child Support Enforcement services; pay assigned child support arrearages directly to the family; increase the hours of job search covered by child care; modify child care rate and sliding fee scale; eliminate 3 of 6 months AFDC receipt requirements for transitional child care and Medicaid; eliminate JOBS exemptions; and use work supplementation to fill any job vacancy.

Date Received: 7/31/96.

Type: AFDC/Medicaid.

Current Status: New.

Contact Person: Gus Avenido, (612) 296-1884.

Project Title: Minnesota—MNJOBS.

Description: Would implement in selected counties work-focused JOBS program strategies and would provide transitional Medicaid and Transitional Child Care for families without regard to AFDC receipt in 3 of the 6 months preceding ineligibility by reason of earnings or hours of work.

Date Received: 8/2/96.

Type: AFDC/Medicaid.

Current Status: New.

Contact Person: Mark Kleczewski, (612) 297-4819.

Project Title: Minnesota—Self-Help.

Description: In 7 counties (St. Louis, Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Lake, and Koochiching), for first-time applicants for AFDC: Would make entry into a contract for employment a condition of eligibility; revise the method of determination of need and amount of assistance and of recovery of overpayments; provide job incentive bonuses; replace monthly reporting with weekly contacts with the worker; pass-through all child support and change the sanction for non-cooperation; eliminate 3 of 6 months AFDC receipt requirements and establish sliding fee scales for AFDC child care; eliminate the 3 of 6 months AFDC receipt for transitional Medicaid; and substitute Self-Help participation for JOBS participation.

Date Received: 8/6/96.

Type: AFDC/Medicaid.

Current Status: New.

Contact Person: John Morrison, (612) 297-4623.

Project Title: Minnesota—Work Focus for Families.

Description: In 3 counties (Brown, LeSueur, and Sibley), for first-time applicants for AFDC: Would eliminate 3 of 6 months AFDC receipt requirements for transitional child care and Medicaid; extend transitional child care to 24 months; eliminate the copayment; and

provide case management and other necessary supportive services for 12 months after leaving AFDC.

Date Received: 8/20/96.

Type: AFDC/Medicaid.

Current Status: New.

Contact Person: John Morrison, (612) 297-4623.

Project Title: Nevada.

Description: Nevada submitted a Welfare Reform Demonstration Special Application Form to require, statewide, JOBS participation of minor parents under age 16; individuals working 30 or more hours per week; and women who are pregnant, with exceptions. The State also requested an AFDC time limit of 24 months within any 60 month period. Nevada would also require unemployed/under-employed non-custodial parents of AFDC children in Clark County to participate in JOBS.

Date Received: 8/8/96.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: New.

Contact Person: Jackie L. Cheney, (702) 687-4709.

Project Title: New Mexico—Work First.

Description: Statewide would emphasize work by requiring job search prior to case approval; expand mandatory JOBS participation by exempting caretakers (1) over 65 years or (2) with children up to 1 year old; expand Transitional Child Care eligibility by eliminating the three-in-six rule and providing it for up to 36 months after ineligibility for AFDC due to earnings; provide special one-time payments needed by recipient to accept or retain employment; eliminate separate JOBS participation rates for AFDC-UP cases; change AFDC earned income disregard to 20 percent plus \$134 per month standard deduction; increase resource limits to \$1,500 for cash and exclude one vehicle regardless of value. Other provisions to encourage self-sufficiency and personal responsibility are increased progressive sanctions for JOBS and paternity establishment cooperation, resulting in case closure for successive non-compliance; requiring minor parents to live in a supervised setting; eliminate the parental deprivation provisions; expand two-parent eligibility by eliminating the 100-hour rule and the work history requirement; make AFDC a closed-ended program which requires recipients to recertify their eligibility on a periodic basis, or have their case closed with proration of both food stamps and AFDC from date of application; eliminate reconciliation requirement so that over and under payments would not be reported or

collected; and require AFDC and food stamp income change reporting and processing only at the time of periodic review and re-certification.

Date Received: 8/6/95.

Title: Combined AFDC/Medicaid.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Roberto Salazar, (502) 827-7280.

Project Title: New York—Learnfare Program.

Description: Would phase in statewide a provision that would require AFDC children in grades 1 through 6 to attend school regularly by mandating a sanction of removal of the child's needs from the budget group for three months in those cases, where after counseling, the child has 5 or more unexcused absences in a quarter. Benefits for parents will be terminated, for failure without good cause, to sign the release form for educational records.

Date Received: 5/31/96.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Jeff Gaskell, (518) 486-3415.

Project Title: New York—Intentional Program Violation Demonstration.

Description: Statewide would change the sanction for Intentional Program Violations making the period of ineligibility of the person committing the violation dependant on both the number of offenses and the amount of the overpayment incurred as a result of the violation.

Date Received: 5/31/96.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Jeff Gaskell, (518) 486-3415.

Project Title: Oklahoma—Welfare Self-Sufficiency Initiative.

Description: In four pilots conducted in five counties each, would (1) extend transitional child care to up to 24 months; (2) require that all children through age 18 be immunized and require that responsible adults with preschool age children participate in parent education or enroll the children in Head Start or other preschool program; (3) not increase AFDC benefits after birth of additional children, but provide voucher payment for the increment of cash benefits that would have been received until the child is two years old; and (4) pay lesser of AFDC benefit or previous state of residence or Oklahoma's for 12 months for new residents.

Date Received: 10/27/95.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Raymond Haddock, (405) 521-3076.

Project Title: Pennsylvania—School Attendance Improvement Program.

Description: In 7 sites, would require school attendance as condition of eligibility.

Date Received: 9/12/94.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Patricia H. O'Neal, (717) 787-4081.

Project Title: Pennsylvania—Savings for Education Program.

Description: Statewide, would exempt as resources college savings bonds and funds in savings accounts earmarked for vocational or secondary education and disregard interest income earned from such accounts.

Date Received: 12/29/94.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Patricia H. O'Neal, (717) 787-4081.

Project Title: Pennsylvania—Common Sense Welfare to Work Program.

Description: Statewide, would impose 24 month time limit on receipt of AFDC after which individuals would be required to work or participate in subsidized employment, work experience, on-the-job training, community service or workfare for at least 20 hours per week; require adult applicants and recipients, pregnant/parenting minors, and minors without high school diplomas or equivalent who are not attending school to sign an Agreement of Mutual Responsibility (AMR) as a condition of eligibility for AFDC and impose a \$40 per month penalty for failure to comply with the agreements in the AMR; impose sanctions for failing to comply with employment-related AMR provisions which would be progressive and could lead to permanent disqualification for the adult in the first 24 months and for the family after that period; provide the lesser of the Pennsylvania benefit or the former state benefit during the first 12 months of residency; deny AFDC to an individual serving a disqualification for either Food Stamp program or PA's General Assistance program fraud or who has been sentenced for a criminal offense but has not satisfied the penalty imposed by a court and to exchange information with the State Police and Board of Probation and Parole to identify such persons; deny AFDC and Medicaid to those who fail to appear, as a defendant, at a criminal court proceeding; require nonexempt applicants and recipients who are not employed an average of 20 hours/week to participate in an eight-week job search period and additional activities if employment is not found; after 24

months of AFDC receipt, require work or participate in subsidized employment, work experience, on-the-job training, community service or workfare for an average of 20 hours/week as a condition of receipt of cash assistance; limit exemptions from JOBS and work requirements; eliminate priority for volunteers under JOBS, limitations on periods of job search, and requirement to consider preferences of participant to the maximum extent possible in employability plan; eliminate workers' compensation coverage under community service activity; allow the filling of established unfilled vacancies under the Work Supplementation component, allow participation for 12 months, and cash out food stamp benefits for Work Supplementation participants; eliminate gross income test (i.e., 185 percent of need standard); disregard 50 percent of earned income without time limit; exclude one vehicle for AFDC and food stamps; disregard all earned income of dependent children for AFDC and food stamps, and increase age limit for dependent children to 21 years of age; require recipients under 18 to attend high school or GED; extend Transitional Child Care (TCC) beyond 12 months, establish co-payments as a percentage of cost of care, expand eligibility to include cases which have received AFDC for one month and which close for any reason other than sanction if the individual is employed; extend transitional Medicaid to 12 months for cases which close as a result of child support collections; require cooperation with Child Support Enforcement for AFDC recipients and Medicaid-only applicants and recipients prior to authorization of assistance for applicants; redefine what constitutes noncooperation for child support; allow IV-D workers to determine cooperation rather than IV-A workers; provide AFDC to needy child who resides with non-relative if in the best interest of the child; expand two-parent eligibility by eliminating 100-hour definition of employment, 30-day waiting period, and work history requirements; expand eligibility to pregnant women in the first trimester of pregnancy; for AFDC and Medicaid, exclude value of life insurance and nonresident property, and in-kind income; for AFDC, Medicaid, and food stamps revise lump sum policy and exclude student financial aid; for AFDC and food stamps change budgeting methods and recovery of over/underpayments.

Date Received: 7/31/96.

Type: Combined AFDC/Medicaid.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Ed Zogby, (717) 772-7829.

Project Title: Rhode Island—Family Independence Act Demonstration Project.

Description: Would require work plans for each parent within 45 days of eligibility and either extended job search, training or work immediately thereafter; impose progressive fiscal sanction on any non-compliant parent; provide earned income disregard of \$170 plus 50% of remainder without time limit; deduct \$50/month for subsidized housing; increase vehicle asset limit to \$4,600; eliminate 185% of need test from eligibility determination; maintain cash assistance as an entitlement for legal residents; require minor parents to live at home, with limited exceptions; impose a 5 year lifetime cap on cash assistance for adults (not children); eliminate the unemployment and connection to the labor force requirements for eligibility for two parent families; pay only 70% of normal for the first 12 months a family has lived in the State; apply \$50 child support pass-through to each child; require non-supporting, noncustodial parents to perform community service; and increase medicaid eligibility.

Date Received: 08/20/96.

Type: Combined AFDC/Medicaid.

Current Status: New.

Contact Person: Christine Ferguson, (401) 464-2121.

Project Title: Utah—Single Parent Employment Demonstration (Amendments).

Description: Would amend the current Single Parent Employment Demonstration, establishing a 36 month lifetime limit on a family's receipt of AFDC, with exceptions; and count toward the time limit months of AFDC receipt in another state.

Date Received: 7/2/96.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Bill Biggs, (801) 538-4337.

Project Title: Virginia—Virginia Independence Program (Amendments).

Description: Would amend the Virginia Independence Program to require AFDC applicants and recipients (including specified relatives other than a parent) to provide information sufficient to identify the non-custodial parent. Failure to provide the required information would result in sanctions. In any case where an applicant/recipient does not claim good cause or good cause does not exist, an affidavit from the custodial parent attesting to the lack of information about the non-

custodial parent/putative father, in and of itself, would not meet the definition of cooperation. If the first two genetic tests exclude the named putative fathers, the State will impose a sanction until paternity is established. If a relative other than the parent maintains the he does not know the identity of the child's parent and has no way to help identify the parent, the sanction would not be imposed.

Date Received: 5/24/96.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending (amended provisions not previously published).

Contact Person: Barbara Cotter, (804) 692-1811.

Project Title: Wisconsin—Work Not Welfare and Pay for Performance Projects (Amendments).

Description: Statewide, would lower the JOBS exemption from a parent whose youngest child is one year old or younger to a parent whose youngest child is 12 weeks old or younger; require up to 40 hours a week in CWEP regardless of the amount of the family's AFDC grant and require participation in substance abuse and mental health treatment, as appropriate; include intentional failure or voluntary quit in a work component as a failure to cooperate with JOBS and apply JOBS program sanctions to the entire family; and limit AFDC receipt to 60 months in a lifetime, with exemptions and case-by-case extensions. The state would extend child care to families earning up to 165 percent of poverty with graduated co-payments based on the cost of care, and change IV-A cases headed by a non-needy non-legally responsible relative to IV-E cases and provide cases headed by an adult SSI recipient a special child-only grant supplement in lieu of the regular AFDC payment for the child. Both types of cases would be exempt from the time limit and work requirements. Further, the state would require minor parents to live with a parent or in an adult-supervised setting. Also the state would establish a competitive process for selection of contractors to administer county programs.

Date Received: 5/8/96; Amendments received 5/17/96.

Type: AFDC.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Jean Sheil, (608) 266-0613.

Project Title: Wisconsin—Wisconsin Works (W2).

Description: Statewide, would establish performance standards for the administration of Wisconsin Works (W2) along with a competitive process for selection of contractors to administer

county programs. The State would provide—but not guarantee—work positions, child care and health care coverage to families, (as defined by the State,) whose gross income does not exceed 115 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL), whose resources do not exceed \$2,500 (excluding a homestead), and whose total auto equity assets do not exceed \$10,000, with a 60-day State residency requirement for eligibility. The State would count all earned and unearned income, including child support (which will be paid directly to the custodial parent), except for EITC when determining W2 eligibility. The State would require participation in substance abuse and mental health treatment, as appropriate; exempt from a work requirement parents with a child less than 12 weeks old; and provide for an appeal process for W2 eligibility and benefit decisions. The State would review an individual W2 agency's financial eligibility decision only if the applicant petitions the State within 15 days of the decision and would not pay benefits pending a decision. Applicants would be required to search for unsubsidized employment during eligibility determination, and would be denied eligibility if they refused a bona fide offer of employment in the 180 days prior to application. The State would automatically refer all W2 participants to child support for services. The State would require minor parents to live with a parent or in an adult-supervised setting to receive W2 non-employment/non-cash benefits, e.g., financial planning assistance, case management; but minor parents would not be eligible for W2 employment/cash benefits. Teen children must attend school regularly. The state would provide children whose parents are SSI recipients a payment of \$77.

The W2 payment amount would be determined according to job placement: Unsubsidized job, trial job (including up to \$300 per month wage subsidy to employer), community service job (benefit of \$555 per month), and transitional placement (benefit of \$518 per month). Community service Jobs would require 30 hours per week of work plus 10 hours per week of education and training; transitional placement jobs would require 28 hours per week of work plus 12 hours of education and training. In addition CWEP participation would be increased up to 40 hours per week. The State would sanction individuals \$4.25 per each hour of non-participation in work requirements. In addition sanctions would be imposed upon the entire family for refusal to participate, without

good cause, in a W2 employment position. Three refusals to participate in any W2 employment category would result in permanent ineligibility for that category. To assist families with one-time expenses, the State would provide Job Access Loans for employment support needs, e.g., car repair, uniforms, etc; and would extend child care to families earning up to 165 percent of poverty with graduated co-payments based on family income and the category of care used. Child care would only be provided to children under 13.

The State would limit participation to 24 months in any one W2 employment position and would limit lifetime eligibility for benefits to 60 months, with extensions on a case-by-case basis; the 60-month limit would apply to certain JOBS participants beginning July 1, 1996. The State would change AFDC cases headed by a non-legally responsible relative to a IV-E case; provide job search assistance and case management to non-custodial parents with a child support order; impose stricter sanctions for non-cooperation with child support; and permanently deny W2 employment after three Intentional Program Violations. Benefit overpayments will be recouped for intentional violations at a rate set by the State. Corrective payments would not be made for underpayments. Eligibility for Emergency Assistance for certain homeless persons would be limited to once in a 36-month period unless the homelessness was caused by domestic abuse, and the State would allow displacement of regular employees by W2 participants in certain cases: i.e., partial displacement (reduction in hours); impairment of existing contracts; infringement upon promotional opportunities; and filling of any established unfilled position.

The State would eliminate transitional Medicaid and expand Medicaid (i.e., the W2 Health Plan) to families with gross income up to 165 of FPL, who would then remain eligible until their income increases to 200 percent of FPL; and would incorporate a mandatory HMO enrollment or primary provider program for W2 participants. Participants would be required to pay a share of W2 Health Plan premiums according to a sliding scale, and the State would impose stricter Medicaid sanctions for non-cooperation with child support. The State would merge the Food Stamps E&T program with the W2 Work Program; modify the Food Stamps work program exemptions; eliminate the Food Stamps gross income test; require nutrition education for Food Stamps recipients; and cash out food stamps.

Date Received: 5/29/96.

Type: Combined AFDC/Medicaid.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Jean Sheil, (608) 266-0613.

Project Title: Wyoming—New Opportunities and New Responsibilities—Phase II (Amendments).

Description: Proposes expansion of demonstration provisions currently limited to a pilot site statewide and further amendments to the current demonstration to establish a 5-year lifetime limit on cash assistance for adults, beginning with time on AFDC from July 1, 1987 (with limited exemptions and extensions); pursue child support from the absent minor parent's parents; freeze benefits based on household size 10 months after initial qualification; replace existing earnings disregards for recipients (except no disregard will apply for recipients disqualified due to fraud, education time limits, illegal alien) with a maximum earned income disregard of \$200 for recipients; expand pay-for-performance from AFDC-UP to the regular AFDC population, with limited exemptions, where failure to perform any item in the self-sufficiency plan would cause disqualification of the parent for AFDC, Food Stamps, and Medicaid; reduce the grant by \$40 when a nonexempt child fails to meet the performance requirements; require able-bodied applicants and recipients to do job search for up to 16 weeks unless otherwise exempted; terminate the case when there is loss of contact with the client for 1 month after nonpayment for failure to meet the performance requirements; exclude the earned income and resources of a dependent child who is a full-time high school student; allow payment of the supplied shelter grant for households with a SSI recipient, unmarried minor parents, or recipients disqualified for other reasons (fraud, education time limits, illegal aliens); exclude one licensed vehicle with a fair market value of less than \$12,000; increase the resource limit to \$2,500 for those in compliance with, or exempted from, the performance requirements; and exclude veteran's service connected disability compensation if the annual income is less than the poverty level.

Date Received: 5/13/96.

Type: Combined AFDC/Medicaid.

Current Status: Pending.

Contact Person: Marianne Lee, (307) 777-6849.

III. Listing of Approved Proposals Since August 1, 1995

Project Title: California—Work Pays Demonstration Project (Amendment).
Contact Person: Bruce Wagstaff, (916) 657-2367.

Project Title: Hawaii—Pursuit Of New Opportunities (PONO).

Contact Person: Kristine Foster, (808) 586-5729.

Project Title: Indiana—Impacting Families Welfare Reform Demonstration—Amendments.

Contact Person: James H. Hmurovich, (317) 232-4704.

Project Title: Kansas—Actively Creating Tomorrow for Families Demonstration.

Contact Person: Diane Dystra, (913) 296-3028.

Project Title: Maryland—Family Investment Program (Amendments).

Contact Person: Kathy Cook, (410) 767-7055.

Project Title: Minnesota—Work First Program.

Contact Person: Gus Avenido, (612) 296-1884.

Project Title: Minnesota—AFDC Barrier Removal Project.

Contact Person: Ann Sessoms, (612) 296-0978.

IV. Requests for Copies of a Proposal

Requests for copies of an AFDC or combined AFDC/Medicaid proposal should be directed to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the address listed above. Questions concerning the content of a proposal should be directed to the State contact listed for the proposal.

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Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 96N-0310]

Environmental Assessments and Findings of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that it has reviewed environmental assessments (EA's) and issued findings