

Proposed 2026-2028 TANF State Plan Changes

Title	Section	Change
Throughout the TANF State Plan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language and formatting revisions for clarity. • Changed “Temporary Assistance” (TA) to “Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP). • Updated “Child Support Services Division” to “Child Support Enforcement Division.”
IV. Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP) Benefits	Section 13.3 - 2020 Census Income Disregard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated section to include all Census year’s income, instead of only 2020.
	Section 17 - Benefit Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated section to include current information.
Other TANF Funded Sources		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added the following language to increase the flexibility of TANF program: Under state policy, with the exception of the ATAP cash assistance program, segregated federal TANF funds may be used to assist families whose income is at or below the Alaska PASS Child Care Assistance Program income limits. • Added language to increase the number of days from 30 days to 180 days for allowable absences of household members if the conditions and circumstances listed under Section 4.4 are met for other TANF funded sources. • Defined a minor child as a youth up through their 25th birthday for other TANF funded sources. • Added language to include the absence of a member in the ATAP home is allowable for up to 180 days if the conditions and circumstances listed under Section 4.4 are met.
VII. Other TANF Funded Services	Section 19 – Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed the following sentence: “The Department is working collaboratively with the Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Alaska Department of Labor (DOL) in these efforts.
VIII. Administration	Section 24 -Maintenance of Effort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added the following language to increase the flexibility of the TANF program: Under state policy, with the exception of the ATAP cash assistance program, segregated federal TANF funds may be used to assist families whose income is at or below the

		<p>Alaska PASS Child Care Assistance Program income limits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Added language to increase the number of days from 30 days to 180 days for allowable absences of household members if the conditions and circumstances listed under Section 4.4 are met for other TANF funded sources.• Clarified “Parents Achieving Self Sufficiency” eligibility requirements.• Food and Nutrition: revised section to remove limit of distribution to food banks to increase TANF program flexibility.
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