

TANF/CALWORKS DATES

Aid for Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) came to an end 11/30/96. It was replaced with Temporary Assistance to Needy Families 12/01/96. Federal funds.

TANF start date = 12/01/96.

California initiated the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program 01/01/98. Federal funds.

CalWORKs start date = 01/01/98.

The Separate State Program/Maintenance of Effort (SSP/MOE) 2-parent program started 10/01/99. State funds.

SSP/MOE (2-parent) start date = 10/01/99.

Q5i and these three dates:

The 13 month difference between the TANF take over of assistance programs and the implementation of CalWORKs (California's TANF delivery system) meant a recipient could reach the TANF time limit 13 months before reaching the CalWORKs time limit. Those "13 monthers" were assigned a new aid code and switched to state only funding until they reached their CalWORKs time limit. Families entering the public assistance system on 01/01/98 or later had their federal and state time limit clocks synchronized in most instances.

The SSP/MOE program took the 2-parent families out of the federally funded universe (and out of the WTW participation rate calculation) and put them into a separate state funded program. This was legal under welfare reform as long as this universe received treatment/services comparable to the federally funded universe. Therefore, Q5 needed to track 2-parent activities to the same criteria as the federally funded program.

Item T21B refers to these two funding sources.

If a family is receiving assistance under the 2-parent program, count all months of such assistance back to 10/01/99.

If a family is receiving assistance under a non-2-parent program, count all months of such assistance back to 12/01/96.