

QUESTION:

With the proliferation of aid codes since the time limit provisions became effective, how do we complete item T21B? Do we track aid codes? Funding source? Count just the current cycle of assistance for the aid code/funding source, or count back to the beginning of welfare reform?

ANSWER:

T21B should be an absolute count of the number of months the sample month's funding source has been received. There are two funding sources, federal and state. The start date of federal funding of assistance under welfare reform is December 1, 1996. The start date of state funding of assistance (SSP/MOE 2-parent program) under welfare reform is October 1, 1999.

EXAMPLE:

Sample month is December 2002.

Single parent family receiving federal TANF assistance consisting of mother and one child age 8.

The family started receiving TANF January 1, 2000. On January 1, 2001 the absent father moved back into the household and the assistance was changed to the state funded SSP/MOE program on that date. The father moved out of the household on December 31, 2001, and the case reverted back to federally funded TANF assistance.

The family received 12 months federal in 2000.

The family received 12 months state in 2001.

The family received another 12 months federal by the sample month date of December 2002.

T21B = 24.